



REGISTERED CHARITY
No. 1161821

Rye Wurlitzer Academy
Rye College
The Grove
East Sussex
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CHAIRMANS REPORT FOR PERIOD 1ST SEPTEMBER 2017 to 31ST AUGUST 2018

It has been another varied year for this very special teaching project, in which continued hard work from the students and our continuing ethos in the way that the RWA is portrayed has seen many rewards of a musical nature.

Our fund raising events have been varied and very successful in continuing to raise much needed funds. Our first Proms Night in September was a resounding success, followed by a Supper with the Shadows tribute band evening in October. In December we were joined by the Deputy Lieutenant of East Sussex, Major General John Moore-Bick CBE, who arrived as a special guest and went away as a supporter who continues to show a keen interest in our work. The January Big Band Night, Student concerts in March and June, and a 1960's tribute night with supper have all proved profitable. My thanks to the strong parental team that still exists and who do sterling work in assisting with on the night setting up and smooth running of the evening, as well of course as our students who assist with refreshments and delivering raffle prizes.

Regular and new donations continued to be received throughout the year from a variety of people and organisations, as you will see from our financial report, and all are much appreciated whatever their value. I would like to take this opportunity in thanking our regular donors who 'Sponsor a Student', who continue to support us.

Due to a variety of reasons there was no ATOS UK Young Theatre Organist Competition this year but four of our students did take part in the ATOS Young Organists Gala which happened in its place, in Bristol, where there was an opportunity to rehearse on the Saturday afternoon followed by an evening of music and friendly conversation at the home of our host Byron Jones BEM. Other concerts have taken place at Ashford, Middlesex in January where Lucy Crouch performed alongside Hull's Lewis Scott and Lancing in August where a number of students entertained and were much appreciated by the members of the Sussex Keyboard and Organ Society. Jamyma Hanson, one of senior students, performed at the very prestigious Brighton Dome Concert Hall in March alongside Michael Wooldridge and Lewis Scott from Hull. There was also a Young Theatre organist Concert at Uckfield where our own UK Theatre organist of the Year performed with the YTOY Seniors winner, Aaron Hawthorne from Glasgow, who is also coached by our tutor, and Jamyma Hanson.

We continue to enjoy good relations and support throughout the year with the Rye Academy Trust and welcomed the support in this current year of new Financial/Lead Executive Mr Andrew Ferguson and Executive Principal of Rye College Mr. Barry Blakelock.

The project could not be the success it is without the continued professionalism and commitment of Principal Tutor Michael Wooldridge, who gives much of his personal time to support the whole project and who, in his professional capacity, has continued to work wonders with the students in their lessons. Our publicity and newsletters always look so vibrant and different for each event and bear no cost whatsoever to our budget, due to the designs of Michael Wooldridge and the generosity of Adams of Rye, who have supported us from Day One in 2009.

To conclude, the Wurlitzer and its wonderful students have been exposed to a full range of entertaining events and musical genres, giving students maximum enjoyment and encouragement to develop their musical and personal character, preserving heritage playing skills for the next generation. It is a privilege to be a part of it. Long may it continue.

Richard Moore - RWA Chairman & Founder





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**INCOME & EXPENDITURE BALANCE SHEET
FOR YEAR ENDED
31ST AUGUST 2018**

INCOME

Donations	6,050.00
Sponsor-A-Student	1,162.00
Show - Door Admissions	6,940.58
Raffle	1,404.00
Catering Donations	254.03
Beanies	19.00
Gift Aid Reclaim	714.50
Other	0.00
TOTAL INCOME:	16,544.11

EXPENDITURE

Tuition	11,500.00
Artists Fees	2,320.00
Hall Hire	1,000.00
Accommodation	50.00
Printing/Stationery	116.99
Organ Removals/Purchases	2,219.20
Organ Repairs	684.63
Catering	594.50
Music Books	61.12
Other	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	18,546.44

Opening Balance: 01/09/2017	2,217.93
Plus Income	16,544.11
Less Expenditure	(18,546.44)
Closing Balance: 31/08/2018	215.60

Barclays Bank Balance: 31/08/2018	215.60
Uncleared Cheques	
Funds Available: 31/08/2018	215.60