REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 01377655 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 276308

Wells Operatic Society Limited Company Limited by Guarantee

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Webb & Co Ltd
Accountants and Business Advisers
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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The primary purpose of the charity is to promote, maintain, improve and advance education by the production of educational plays, and the encouragement of the arts.

Public benefit

The trustees are mindful of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

2022 was a very successful year for the theatre as audiences, happy to leave Covid restrictions behind, came to support our productions in increasing numbers.

Our first production was a programme of two one-act plays, Blood on the Canvas and Rude Awakenings followed by our usual Spring musical Big Fish which we had originally intended to stage in 2021. Ticket sales were good and they made a profits of around £2,096 and £2,816 respectively.

In the Autumn we turned to Agatha Christie's And Then There Were None, another production that had been intended for 2021. This proved to be huge success with our audiences and we sold 87% of our tickets and made a magnificent profit of £8,194.

Our Christmas show was The Wizard of Oz and again this proved to be very successful selling 94% of tickets and giving us a profit of £10,148.

Subscriptions, bar sales and theatre hire have continued to make valuable contributions to the running costs of the theatre.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The trustees consider that the unrestricted reserves of £254,725 are adequate to meet the future requirements of the charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees review the needs of the charity to ensure that new trustees are recruited with the necessary skills.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

01377655 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

276308

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022

Registered office
Little Theatre
Chamberlain St
Wells
Somerset
BA5 2PS
Trustees
R E Bass
G A Brown
E J Carey
T E Creswick

S Edmonds (resigned 25/3/2022) K Edmonds (Chair)

J R Hartley Scammell

N J Hope

A Lanfranchi

N McGrogan (resigned 23/5/2022)

L Payne (appointed 19/4/2022)

P Perrin

E J Russell

M J Scammell

C S Hoare (appointed 19/4/2022)

G R Webster

Independent Examiner

Barry Davidson FCCA FCA Webb & Co Ltd Accountants and Business Advisers One New Street Wells Somerset BA5 2LA

Approved by order of the board of trustees on	and signed on its behalf by:
P Perrin - Trustee	

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Wells Operatic Society Limited Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Wells Operatic Society Limited Company Limited by Guarantee ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act: or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Barry Davidson FCCA FCA Webb & Co Ltd Accountants and Business Advisers One New Street Wells Somerset BA5 2LA

Date:	 	 	

Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and legacies		10,141	10,000	20,141	29,317
Charitable activities Box Office Theatre hire		38,250 4,245	- -	38,250 4,245	20,047 2,630
Other trading activities Investment income	3 4	6,092 419	<u> </u>	6,092 419	2,502
Total		59,147	10,000	69,147	54,504
EXPENDITURE ON Raising funds		6,770	-	6,770	4,239
Charitable activities Box Office Theatre costs Support costs General costs		16,973 11,351 4,403 9,660	- - - -	16,973 11,351 4,403 9,660	5,822 4,580 7,638 16,290
Total		49,157		49,157	38,569
NET INCOME Transfers between funds	14	9,990 10,000	10,000 (10,000)	19,990	15,935
Net movement in funds		19,990	-	19,990	15,935
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total funds brought forward		234,735	-	234,735	218,800
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		254,725	<u> </u>	254,725	234,735

Balance Sheet 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			~		
Tangible assets	9	149,046	-	149,046	138,679
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	10	1,386	-	1,386	1,122
Debtors	11	7,300	-	7,300	6,923
Cash at bank and in hand		102,667		102,667	92,987
		111,353	-	111,353	101,032
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(1,837)	-	(1,837)	(1,941)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		109,516		109,516	99,091
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT					
LIABILITIES		258,562	-	258,562	237,770
ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME	13	(3,837)	_	(3,837)	(3,035)
	.0	(0,001)		(0,001)	(0,000)
NET ASSETS		254,725		254,725	234,735
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				254,725	234,735
TOTAL FUNDS				254,725	234,735

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

Balance Sheet - continued 31 December 2022

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

		statements				Trustees	and	authorised	for	issue	on
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 P Pe	rrin - Trus	tee									

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, rounded to the nearest £, which is the functional currency of the entity

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property - 2% on cost

Plant and machinery - 33.3% on cost and 10% on cost

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2022

2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

2022

2021

3.	OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

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Bar takings	£ 6,092 ———	£ 2,502
INVESTMENT INCOME	2022	2021
Deposit account interest	£ 419	£ 8

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
Depreciation - owned assets	£ 5,708	£ 4,359

6. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMONERATION	2022	2021
	£	£
Independent examiners fee	2,274	1,838

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and legacies	29,317
Charitable activities Box Office Theatre hire	20,047 2,630
Other trading activities Investment income	2,502 8

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2022

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FIN	ANCIAL ACTIVITIES	- continueu	Unrestricted fund £
	Total			54,504
	EXPENDITURE ON Raising funds			4,239
	Charitable activities Box Office Theatre costs Support costs General costs			5,822 4,580 7,638 16,290
	Total			38,569
	NET INCOME			15,935
	RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total funds brought forward			218,800
	TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD			234,735
•	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Totals £
	COST At 1 January 2022 Additions	136,135 -	80,953 16,075	217,088 16,075
	At 31 December 2022	136,135	97,028	233,163
	DEPRECIATION At 1 January 2022 Charge for year	15,708 2,259	62,701 3,449	78,409 5,708
	At 31 December 2022	17,967	66,150	84,117
	NET BOOK VALUE At 31 December 2022	118,168	30,878	149,046
	At 31 December 2021	120,427	18,252	138,679

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2022

10.	STOCKS		
		2022	2021
	Stocks	£ 1,386 —	£ 1,122
11.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		2022	2021
	Trade debtors Other debtors VAT	£ 1,225 995 49	£ 70 58 -
		2,269	128
12.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		2022	2021
		C	
	Trade creditors VAT	£ 1,837 -	£ 929 1,012
			929
13.		1,837	929 1,012

Deferred income recognizes the value of subscriptions relating to post year end activities.

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/22 £
Unrestricted funds General fund	234,735	9,990	10,000	254,725
Restricted funds Michaelstone Trust	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	234,735	19,990		254,725

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2022

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds
Unrestricted funds General fund	59,147	(49,157)	9,990
Restricted funds Michaelstone Trust	10,000	-	10,000
TOTAL FUNDS	69,147	(49,157)	19,990

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/21 £
Unrestricted funds General fund	218,800	15,935	234,735
TOTAL FUNDS	218,800	15,935	234,735

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds General fund	54,504	(38,569)	15,935
TOTAL FUNDS	54,504	(38,569)	15,935

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/22 £
Unrestricted funds General fund	218,800	25,925	10,000	254,725
Restricted funds Michaelstone Trust	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	218,800	35,925	-	254,725

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2022

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds General fund	113,651	(87,726)	25,925
Restricted funds Michaelstone Trust	10,000	-	10,000
TOTAL FUNDS	123,651 =====	(87,726)	35,925

The unrestricted fund is to be used to meet the charity objectives, as the trustees see fit, in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the trust deed.

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

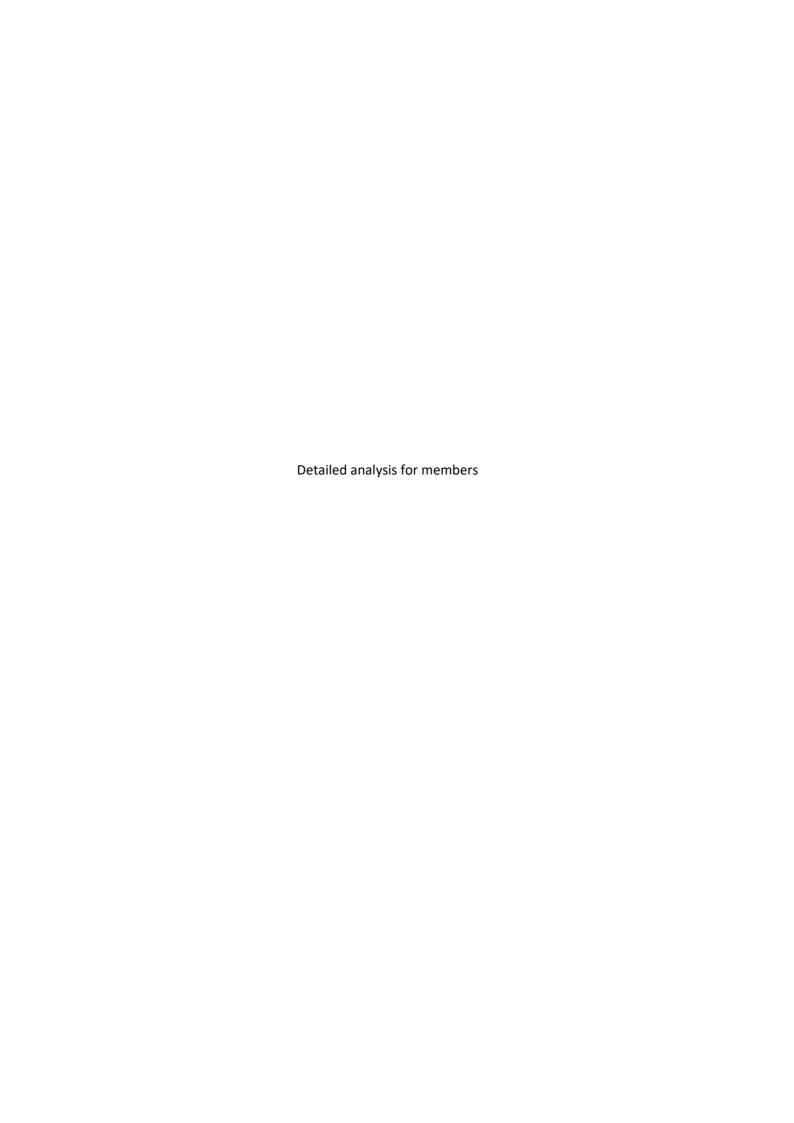
There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS				
Donations and legacies Gifts Donations Grants Subscriptions	(1) 3,757 3,667 2,718	- - 10,000 -	(1) 3,757 13,667 2,718	727 25,669 2,921
	10,141	10,000	20,141	29,317
Other trading activities Bar takings	6,092	-	6,092	2,502
Investment income Deposit account interest	419	-	419	8
Charitable activities Box Office sales Programme sales Hire of theatre	36,708 1,222 4,565 42,495	- - -	36,708 1,222 4,565 42,495	19,477 570 2,630 22,677
Total incoming resources	59,147	10,000	69,147	54,504
EXPENDITURE				
Other trading activities Opening stock Bar purchases Bar licences Water rates Light and heat Insurance Bar cleaning Closing stock	872 3,087 211 231 1,926 639 940 (1,136)	- - - - - -	872 3,087 211 231 1,926 639 940 (1,136)	553 2,253 140 19 786 610 750 (872)
	6,770	-	6,770	4,239
Charitable activities Rates and water Insurance Light and heat Cleaning and refuse collection Stage production costs Online and credit card charges Repairs	694 1,918 5,778 2,193 15,117 2,693 3,232	- - - - - -	694 1,918 5,778 2,193 15,117 2,693 3,232 31,625	82 1,830 2,194 1,750 19,544 1,292

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

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Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £	
2,274	-	2,274	1,838	
[′] 301	-	301	306	
1,921	-	1,921	544	
559	-	559	591	
5,707	-	5,707	4,359	
10,762	-	10,762	7,638	
49,157		49,157	38,569	
9,990	10,000	19,990	15,935	
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Wells Operatic Society Limited Summary of Income and Expenditure Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Year to 31/12/2022 £	Year to 31/12/2021 £
Little Theatre productions	16,897	12,275
General Account	5,721	9,029
Bar Account	(678)	(1,737)
Donations	3,757	727
Depreciation	(5,707)	(4,359)
Net surplus for the year	19,990	15,935

Wells Operatic Society Limited Little Theatre Account Year Ended 31 December 2022

		Year to 31/12/2022		Year to 31/12/2021
	£	£	£	£
Theatrical productions				
				074
Quartet		-		971
Cinderella		-		14,750
Blood on the Canvas		2,096		
Big Fish		2,816		
Then There were None		8,194		
Wizard of Oz		10,148		
		23,254		15,721.00
Hire of theatre and catering		4,565		2,630
Irrecoverable VAT		(442)		- 204
		27,377		18,147
Less Theatre expenses;				
Heat, light and power	3,853		1,573	
Water rates	463		38	
Insurances	1,278		1,219	
Cleaning and refuse collection	2,193		1,750	
Online and card charges	2,693		1,292	
Offinite and card charges	2,033	10,480	1,232	- 5,872
		10,460		3,672
Net (deficit)/surplus for the year		16,897		12,275

Wells Operatic Society Limited General account Year Ended 31 December 2022

		Year to 31/12/2022 £	£	Year to 31/12/2021 £
Income		L	r	L
Subscriptions		2,718		2,921
Grants		13,667		25,669
Deposit account interest		418		8
		16,803		28,598
Expenses				
Telephone	301		306	
Accountancy	2,274		1,838	
Website expenditure	559		591	
General repairs	3,232		15,014	
Light and heat	1,926		622	
Water rates	231		44	
Insurance	638		610	
General office expenses	1,921	_	544	_
		11,082		19,569
Net surplus/ (deficit) for the year		5,721		9,029

Wells Operatic Society Limited Bar account Year Ended 31 December 2022

		Year to 31/12/2022		Year to 31/12/2021
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Takings		6,092		2,502
Cost of sales				
Opening bar stock	872		553	
Purchases	3,087		2,253	
Closing bar stock	(1,136)		(872)	
		2,823		1,934
Gross profit	53.66%	3,269	22.70%	568
Expenses				
Heat and light	1,926		786	
Cleaning expenses	940		750	
Insurance	639		610	
Water rates	231		19	
Licences	211		140	
		3,947		2,305
Net (deficit)/surplus for the year	-	(678)		(1,737)

Blood on the Canvas

	£	£
Income		
Box Office		2,688
		110
Programme sales	_	
		2,798
Expenses		
Royalties /performance fee	168	
Script/score	308	
Staging, costumes and props	51	
Advertising, posters and programmes	164	
		691
		331
Net surplus	_	2,107

Big Fish

	£	£
Income		
Box Office		7,938
Programme sales		286
		8,224
Expenses		
Royalties /performance fee	1,680	
Script/score	1,142	
Director/choreographer		
Staging, costumes and props	676	
Advertising, posters and programmes	388	-
Musical director/orchestra	1,500	
Sundry	22	
		5,408
Net surplus	_	2,816

And Then There Were None

	£	£
Income		
Box Office		10,122
		421
Programme sales	-	
		10,543
_		
Expenses		
Royalties /performance fee	505	
Script/score	117	
Staging, costumes and props	905	
Advertising, posters and programmes	797	
Sundry	25	
		2,349
Net surplus	- -	8,194

Wizard Of Oz

	£	£
Income		
Box Office		15,910
Programme sales		405
Sale of scripts		50
	_	16,365
Expenses		
Royalties /performance fee	1,552	
Script/score	951	
Staging, costumes and props	2,109	
Advertising, posters and programmes	892	
Musical director/orchestra	666	
Sundry	47	
		6,217
Net surplus	_	10,148