

West Cork Music Clg Annual Report 2023

Principal Activity and Review of the Business

The principal activities of West Cork Music (WCM) remain the support, encouragement and delivery of quality arts events with high levels of participation both locally, nationally and internationally through genre specific festivals, education projects, masterclasses and other events. The company is committed to the artistic development of young musicians and writers and to developing the international profile of Irish musicians and writers.

The main objectives for which the Company is established is to promote the study and improve the understanding of the Arts as described by the Arts Act 2003 in particular of music and literature, and to increase the availability of live musical performances and literary events to the general public to which all other objects set out in the Memorandum are hereby expressed to be subsidiary. West Cork Music is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

The **West Cork Chamber Music Festival** hosted total of 87+ concerts and events involving 55 musicians and 28 Young Musicians and the instrument makers exhibition. 23 concerts were recorded for the WCCMF Archive and for RTE Lyric fm. 5 concerts were broadcasts live on Lyric fm and around the world via EBU as part of EuroRadio Summer Festival series. 31 Masterclasses were given to 7 student ensembles who also gave 7 concert performances, led by specialist tutors and members of all guest Quartets. 3 commissioned works were premiered. 3 winning Young Composers also had their works premiered at the Festival. The Fringe returned in 2023 with 20 concerts by young quartets in venues all over West Cork.

The **West Cork Literary Festival** attendances and box office receipts were significantly higher than 2022 and whilst they weren't back to 2019 levels they were similar to 2018. Over 98 events including a wide-range of workshops, seminars, readings, professional development, Young Adult and Children's events. 8 events were recorded and later transmitted online with closed-captioned subtitles.

The **Masters of Tradition (MoT)** was held in August, the festival has its first ever official opening reception held at the Marino Church. With 10 concerts, 3 Talks the festival broke all historical box office records with all main evening concerts selling out in advance.

The **Concert Series** consisted of 6 concerts throughout the year and the Culture Night programme included 5 West Cork Music managed events covering music & craft.

The **Tuning-Up Music-in-Schools** brought Percussion Workshops to 10 Cork County schools.

We comply with the Governance Code for Community, Voluntary and Charitable organisations in Ireland. We confirm that a review of our organisation's compliance with the principles in the Code was conducted. WCM conducts its activities within a framework of proper corporate governance and the keen and wide-ranging support of several local, national and international sponsors and patrons.

Statement of Annual Accounts for year ended 31 December 2023

Income		€	€
Festivals and Concerts			281,779
Grants	Arts Council	449,500	
	Fáilte Ireland	65,000	
	Cork County Council	51,400	
Sponsorship and other income			175,859
Total Income			1,023,539
Expenditure		€	
Festivals and education		620,712	
Staff Costs		311,296	
Administration		138,936	
Total Expenditure		1,070,944	
Deficit of Expenditure over Income			(47,405)