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Report of the Trustees and

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2020

for

The Frederick Ashton Foundation

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st March 2020

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 31st March 2020. 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 objects of the Foundation are to utilise the legacy of the distinguished English choreographer, the late Sir Frederick Ashton, to advance the education of the public in and the appreciation and performance of the art of ballet and its allied arts in the United Kingdom and throughout the world, and for the public benefit to pursue a broad range of activities and programmes, including ballet reconstructions and revivals, publications, and lectures and videos, and to promote research in all aspects of the subject and to publish the useful results.

Public Benefit

The trustees have noted the principles of Public Benefit, as defined by the Charity Commission, and believe, having regard to the Charity Commission's guidance, that The Frederick Ashton Foundation meets the requirements of Public Benefit.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Introduction

As I write, the United Kingdom is in a national lockdown, the third since the start of the coronavirus pandemic almost a year ago. The lyric arts – activities heavily dependent on people, whether performers or members of the audience – have been hit especially badly by the necessary restrictions, and particularly by the social distancing rules. Whilst the Foundation's activities for the period under review have not been greatly affected, our last *Ashton Rediscovered* masterclass having taken place just before the first lockdown, the current situation does mean the cancellation of all activities during 2020–21. We are hopeful that we may be able to resume activities in the autumn of 2021.

Charitable activities

Frederick Ashton Lecture Series

I flagged up in last year's Report that the Foundation was instituting a Frederick Ashton Lecture Series as another of its initiatives to keep the legacy of Frederick Ashton alive, announcing that every two years a distinguished member of the arts community would deliver a lecture in honour of the memory of Frederick Ashton to advance public interest in the arts. To reflect the polymath nature of Ashton's creativity, the subject of each lecture would be selected from the arts in their widest sense.

The inaugural Frederick Ashton Lecture was delivered by the well-known theatre director Sir Nicholas Hytner in front of an audience comprising the general public and invited guests on 25 June 2019 at Hertford House, Manchester Square, WI in association with the Wallace Collection. Under the title "We must leave the killing out", Hytner explored how to keep the classics of the stage alive. It was a most happy and successful debut of the Series, and I thank Sir Nicholas Hytner for his participation and the Wallace Collection for its support of this new venture.

Tribute to Frederick Ashton

In October 2019, Trustee Lynn Wallis accompanied by ex-Royal Ballet First Soloist Isabel McMeekan, a participant in the Foundation's shadowing scheme, travelled to the city of Guayaquil, Ecuador at the request of the local En-Avant Junior Dance Company to teach and stage a short programme of Ashton divertissements in tribute to Frederick Ashton, who was born there in 1904. The visit had a harrowing start in that whilst they were flying to Ecuador, the country's government announced a State of Emergency, as extensive protests and riots were taking place countrywide. Once in Guayaquil, however, Lynn and Isobel were looked after very well by En-Avant and I thank the company for making such effective security arrangements. Extracts from *Les Patineurs* and *Valses nobles et sentimentales* together with the 'Fonteyn solo' from *The Wise Virgins* and the Tango from *Façade* made up the tribute, which was introduced by Lynn Wallis. Lynn and Isobel also gave a talk on Frederick Ashton and how his works were being kept alive at the university, and a statue of Ashton positioned in front of his birthplace was unveiled by local dignitaries in their presence together with that of the directors and dancers of the En-Avant Company. I am most grateful to the copyright holders of the works from which extracts were performed for agreeing to their inclusion in the programme.

Ashton Rediscovered masterclasses

The Foundation continued its programme of masterclasses of recreated, rarely-performed and revisited works by Frederick Ashton. Introduced by Jane Pritchard, Curator of Dance at the V&A, and featuring dancers of The Royal Ballet, they are open to the public to give an insight into how works are taught and rehearsed and into the relationship between teacher, dancer, notator and pianist; to enable notation scores to be updated, or written from scratch if none exists; and to promote interest in Frederick Ashton and in ballet as an art form.

Two Ashton Rediscovered masterclasses took place during 2019-20: Foyer de danse was presented in October 2019 with Ursula Hageli and Christopher Newton. Ginevra Zambon as L'Etoile and Kevin Emerton as Le Maître de ballet together with other dancers of The Royal Ballet participated. At the same event, the Papillon solo was also presented, with Wayne Eagling teaching the role to Calvin Richardson. Voices of Spring was given in February 2020 with Merle Park and Wayne Eagling, assisted by Ann Whitley (choreologist) and Michael Pansters (pianist). Anna Rose O'Sullivan and Valentino Zucchetti, both First Soloists with The Royal Ballet, took part. These events are hugely popular and I am grateful not only to those who participated, but also to the copyright holders for granting permission for these items to be the focus of these masterclasses.

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Ashton Repetiteurs

One of the key elements in the Foundation's objective to ensure that Frederick Ashton's legacy lives on is the shadowing scheme, through which a new generation of repetiteurs is able to shadow existing Ashton repetiteurs, thus acquiring the necessary knowledge and understanding of Ashton's choreography to teach, rehearse and stage his ballets in the future. Following her shadowing of Christopher Carr and Lynn Wallis last year, Isobel McMeekan's visit to Ecuador provided an invaluable experience for her to shadow Lynn Wallis as Lynn selected the En-Avant dancers she wished to perform in the Ashton tribute, then taught them the steps and style of the pieces, and finally staged the divertissements.

Foundation's Ashton ballets.

The Foundations holds the copyright of three of Ashton's ballets: Daphnis and Chloe, Les Patineurs and Les Rendezvous.

Les Patineurs continues to be one of the most popular of Ashton's ballets to be staged worldwide. During the year under review the Foundation issued licences for the work to be performed by Ballet Arizona (Phoenix, USA), Noriko Kobayashi Ballet Theatre (Tokyo) and Perm Ballet (Russia). The Sarasota Ballet (Florida, USA) was licensed to perform Les Rendezvous. Licence fees provide an important part of the Foundation's income so I regret that the lack of performance opportunities during the pandemic will lower our 2020-21 self-generated income.

Foundation 10th anniversary

The Foundation will mark its 10th anniversary in autumn 2021. Plans currently include the delivery of the 2021 Frederick Ashton Lecture, given in association with the Wallace Collection; the premiere of a short film focusing on Frederick Ashton's heritage and the Foundation's activities in enriching his legacy; and events focusing on rare Ashton works. We also hope to present the usual *Ashton Rediscovered* masterclasses. Sadly, early plans made in conjunction with The Royal Ballet for an Ashton Festival at the Royal Opera House over the anniversary period are unlikely to materialise, a consequence of the pandemic and its aftermath.

<u>Acknowledgements</u>

Through their Family Trust, Lindsay and Sarah Tomlinson have generously provided annual funding to cover the base costs of the Foundation for nine years, and on behalf of the Trustees I record our sincerest and most heartfelt thanks to them for this invaluable support.

I also express the Foundation's sincerest thanks to Barbara Schlain, a resident of New York, for her generous donations to the Foundation over the past two years. A lover of Ballet, and someone who regularly travels the world to see different ballet companies, Barbara is an enthusiastic fan of Frederick Ashton and a regular attender at our *Ashton Rediscovered* masterclasses as well as at performances at the Royal Opera House. I thank, too, all our other sponsors and supporters, without whose support much of what the Foundation achieves would not be possible.

The board of Trustees was delighted with the award of a knighthood to Trustee David Bintley in the 2020 New Year Honours and congratulate him most warmly. We are delighted too that despite his retirement as Director of Birmingham Royal Ballet, he has agreed to remain on the Foundation's Board. I am pleased to say that his successor at BRB Carlos Acosta has also agreed to become a Trustee. To all my colleagues on the Board I express my warmest thanks for their support and advice, as I also do to executive director Christopher Nourse.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The reserve fund stands at £20,000, to be used in the event that the Foundation needs time to seek core funding or be wound up.

Incoming and Outgoing Resources and Net Movement in Funds

The Statement of Financial Activities for the period ended 31 March 2020 is set out on page 7 of the financial statements.

There was a surplus of unrestricted funds carried forward for the period of £319,395 (2019: £282,352), which includes intangible fixed assets of £40,416 represented by the *Daphnis and Chloe* copyright.

There was a surplus of restricted funds carried forward for the period of £nil.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st March 2020

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Foundation 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.

The Frederick Ashton Foundation was incorporated as a private company limited by guarantee at Companies House on 25 May 2011 and registered as a charity by the Charity Commission on 18 August 2011.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The responsibility for the identification and appointment of new trustees lies with the existing trustees.

Organisational structure

Overall management of the Foundation is vested in a board of trustees who are also the directors of the company. The Foundation employs a part-time executive director. The Foundation's Memorandum and Articles of Association provide no maximum number of directors (trustees).

Induction and training of new trustees

The chairman of the trustees and executive director are responsible for the induction of any new trustee, which involves awareness of a trustee's responsibilities generally, the Foundation's governing documents, and history and philosophical approach of the charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07647089 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1143433

Registered office

7 East Pallant Chichester West Sussex PO19 1TR

Trustees

Sir David Bintley CBE
Felicity Clark
Tony Dyson, Chairman
Jeanetta Laurence OBE
Dame Monica Mason DBE
Kevin O'Hare CBE
Kristina Rogge
Anthony Russell-Roberts CBE
Lynn Wallis OBE

Company Secretary

Christopher Nourse

Independent Examiner

A C Kensett FMAAT FCCA Sheen Stickland Chartered Accountants 7 East Pallant Chichester West Sussex PO19 1TR

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Bankers

National Westminster Bank Plc 34 Henrietta Street Covent Garden London WC2E 9DD

Investment advisors

CCLA Investment Management Limited Senator House 85 Queen Victoria Street London EC4V 4ET

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Patrons

The Lady Sarah Chatto Vice-President, The Royal Ballet

Lord Hall of Birkenhead CBE Chief Executive, Royal Opera House 2003-2013

Lindsay Tomlinson OBE and Founding Sponsors

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Sarah Tomlinson

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on _____ and signed on its behalf by:

Tony Dyson - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Frederick Ashton Foundation ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2020.

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:

- 1. 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.

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A C Kensett FMAAT FCCA Sheen Stickland Chartered Accountants 7 East Pallant Chichester West Sussex PO19 1TR

Date: 1613 12021

Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 31st March 2020

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and legacies	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £ 54,543
Charitable activities		.0,000		,	,,
Advancing education and appreciation of the art of ballet		65,798	-	65,798	22,747
Total		111,853	-	111,853	77,290
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities Advancing education and appreciation of the art	2				
of ballet		65,164	-	65,164	39,974
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(9,646)	-	(9,646)	17,833
NET INCOME		37,043	-	37,043	55,149
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		282,352	-	282,352	227,203
					
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		319,395	-	319,395	282,352

Balance Sheet 31st March 2020

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	2020 Total funds	2019 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible assets	6	40,416	_	40,416	41,480
Investments	7	213,187	_	213,187	192,833
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		253,603	_	253,603	234,313
		200,000		200,000	,
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	2,564	_	2,564	2,564
Cash at bank	Ü	64,908	_	64,908	47,155
Cush at bank					
		67,472		67,472	49,719
		01,412		07,172	15,715
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,680)	_	(1,680)	(1,680)
Amounts faming due within one year		(1,000)		(1,000)	(-,)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		65,792	_	65,792	48,039
NET CORRENT ASSETS					
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT					
LIABILITIES		319,395		319,395	282,352
DIADIDITIES		317,373		317,375	202,302
NET ASSETS		319,395		319,395	282,352
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FUNDS	10			210 205	202 252
Unrestricted funds				319,395	282,352
mom La Villago				210.205	202.252
TOTAL FUNDS				319,395	282,352

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2020 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 31st March 2020

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

Tony Dyson - Trustee

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, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charitable company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

• the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

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.

Charitable activities

This includes all expenditure directly related to the objects of the Foundation.

Governance costs

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the Foundation and its assets and are primarily associated with statutory requirements.

Intangible assets

Copyrights represent costs incurred by the Foundation to acquire the rights to Ashton ballets. These artistic rights will expire in 2058, 70 years after the death of Frederick Ashton, and are therefore being amortised on that basis.

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.

At 31st March 2019

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st March 2020

2.	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 3)	Totals £
	Advancing education and appreciation of the art of ballet	48,863	16,301	65,164
3.	SUPPORT COSTS		Governance	
	Advancing education and appreciation of the art of ballet	Management £	costs £ 	Totals £ 16,301
4.	NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)			
	Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):			
	Copyrights amortisation		2020 £ 1,064	2019 £ 1,064
5.	TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS			
	There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the ended 31st March 2019.	ne year ended 31	st March 2020 no	or for the year
	Trustees' expenses			
	There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year en 31st March 2019.	ded 31st March 2	2020 nor for th	e year ended
6.	INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			Copyrights £
	COST At 1st April 2019 and 31st March 2020			46,800
	AMORTISATION At 1st April 2019 Charge for year			5,320 1,064
	At 31st March 2020			6,384
	NET BOOK VALUE At 31st March 2020			40,416

41,480

7.	FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS				Listed
					investments £
	MARKET VALUE At 1st April 2019 Additions Revaluations				192,833 30,000 (9,646)
	At 31st March 2020				213,187
	NET BOOK VALUE At 31st March 2020				213,187
	At 31st March 2019				192,833
	There were no investment assets outside the UK				
8.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WI	THIN ONE YEA	AR	2020	2010
				2020 £	2019 £
	Other debtors			2,564	2,564
9.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE	WITHIN ONE Y	/EAR	2020	2019
	Accruals and deferred income			£ 1,680	£ 1,680
10.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
			At 1.4.19	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.20 £
	Unrestricted funds General fund		282,352	37,043	319,395
	TOTAL FUNDS		282,352	37,043	319,395
	Net movement in funds, included in the above a	re as follows:			
		Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds
	Unrestricted funds General fund	111,853	(65,164)	(9,646)	37,043
	TOTAL FUNDS	111,853	(65,164)	(9,646)	37,043

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.18	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.19
Unrestricted funds General fund	£ 227,203	£ 55,149	£ 282,352
TOTAL FUNDS	227,203	55,149	282,352

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds General fund	77,290	(39,974)	17,833	55,149
		 		
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>77,290</u>	<u>(39,974</u>)	17,833	55,149

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

	At 1.4.18	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds General fund	227,203	92,192	319,395
TOTAL FUNDS	227,203	92,192	319,395

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 £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds
Unrestricted funds General fund	189,143	(105,138)	8,187	92,192
TOTAL FUNDS	189,143	(105,138)	8,187	92,192

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2020.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st March 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies Donations	21,055	29,542
Legacies	-	1
Grants	_25,000	25,000
	46,055	54,543
Charitable activities		22.545
Ballet licence fees	65,798	22,747
Total incoming resources	111,853	77,290
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities	710	71.5
Insurance Postage and stationery	742 31	715 31
Advertising	2,869	4,163
Event Costs	43,487	20,888
Website development	621	1,051
Travel	49	-
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	1,064	1,064
	48,863	27,912
Support costs		
Management Administration	14,365	10,238
Auminstration	14,303	10,230
Governance costs		1.004
Accountancy fees		1,824
Total resources expended	65,164	39,974
Net income	46,689	<u>37,316</u>