

## **Scottish Artists Union**

### **Report of the Executive Committee to the Members of the Scottish Artists Union**

#### **Statement of Responsibilities**

The Executive Committee are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The Constitution requires the Executive Committee to prepare the financial statements for each year. The Executive Committee have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Union and of the surplus or deficit of the Union for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Executive Committee are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Union will continue in operation.

The Executive Committee are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the Association and for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. So far as the Executive Committee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Union's Auditor is unaware. Additionally, the Executive Committee have taken all necessary steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the Auditor is aware of that information.

#### **Irregularity Statement**

A Member who is concerned that some irregularity may be occurring, or have occurred, in the conduct of the financial affairs of the Union may take steps with a view to investigating further, obtaining clarification and, if necessary, securing regularisation of that conduct. The Member may raise such concern with such one or more of the following as it seems appropriate to raise it with; the Officials of the Union, the Trustees of the property of the Union, the Auditor or Auditors of the Union, the Certification Officer (who is an independent Officer appointed by the Secretary of State) and the police.

Where a member believes that the financial affairs of the Union have been or are being conducted in breach of the law or in breach of the rules of the Union and contemplates bringing civil proceedings against it the Union or responsible Officials or Trustees, he should consider obtaining independent legal advice.

**Lynda Graham**  
**President**

For and on behalf of the Scottish Artists Union

2 October 2020



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## Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of the Scottish Artists Union

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Scottish Artists Union for the year ended 31 March 2020 which comprise the income and expenditure account, balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the union's affairs as at 31 March 2020 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (amended).

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the union in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the executive committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the executive committee has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the union's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

### Other information

The executive committee is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the report of the executive committee, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.