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### **DEWAR ARTS AWARDS**

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

# TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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# REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITABLE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### **Trustees**

N J Catterall

R Doyle

Dr J Fagan (resigned July 2023)

R J McEwan-Brown OBE

J Miller OBE (Chairperson)

Dr P T Rewt (resigned July 2023)

J Sangster

R Stapleton

L A Thomson (Vice-Chair)

A J Arnold (resigned June 2022)

A L Brooks (appointed July 2023)

J Fawcett (apppointed July 2023)

J Neville (appointed July 2023)

E Nicol (appointed July 2023)

#### Company registered number

SC233774

### Charity registered number

SC033216

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P.O. Box 8927 Coatbridge ML5 9AP

### Independent auditor

French Duncan LLP trading as AAB
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors
81 George Street
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### **Bankers**

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#### **DEWAR ARTS AWARDS**

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# REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITABLE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### **Investment Advisers**

RBC Brewin Dolphin Sixth Floor Atria One 144 Morrison Street Edinburgh EH3 8EX

#### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Dewar Art Awards for the year ended 31 March 2023. The report serves the purpose of both a Trustees' Report and a Directors' Report under company law.

The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the charitable company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations is not required.

#### Objectives and activities

#### Policies and objectives

The charitable company is empowered to facilitate personal progress in the arts, including music, opera, ballet, dance, drama, the visual arts and other art forms for young persons ordinarily resident in Scotland. These individuals can be those at school or who have left school who:

- (a) demonstrate exceptional artistic ability and;
- (b) lack the means to fulfil their potential.

### Achievements and performance

#### Review of activities

This year, the Dewar Arts Awards Board has continued to achieve its mission of supporting the brightest and best of Scotland's young artistic talent by making awards to exceptionally talented young people with the most financial need across a wide range of art and craft practice forms.

The Trustees have made 25 awards to the value of £156,950. During a time of continuous change and uncertainty the awards provide young people with a level of stability, giving them the best chance to flourish and succeed in their chosen field.

The Dewar Awards family continues to grow, and previous awardees remain in touch, delighting us with their national and international achievements.

There has been a subtle change in the number and diversity of the applications that we have received over the year; with fewer young people choosing a pathway towards a qualification in the Arts because of financial uncertainty. The Trustees have started to address this by reviewing and improving the application form and accompanying information to make it clearer to applicants what is required and to support young people who may lack confidence or experience when completing applications. This work was led by Trustee Roberta Doyle and the new application process will be uploaded and used in the coming year. The new format will also provide crucial information that the Trustees will use to focus future communications on widening access, socially, artistically, and geographically. This work was overseen by the Marketing and Communications Group chaired by Vice Chair Lesley Thomson. This group has continued to review and oversee the new website and how we communicate the success of our awardees and the opportunity for new applicants. This group directs the work of our part time Communications Officer, Clare Gunn, whose work has greatly assisted our recent Trustee recruitment process.

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### Achievements and performance (continued)

The exciting relationship between Dewar Arts Awards and the William Grant Foundation has resulted in 7 awards (total value £24,100) being made to young people in Scotland. This is year two of a three-year arrangement where the William Grant Foundation provides £30,000 per year, to support additional awards within the Dewar criteria. The first recipient of a William Grant Award undertook a 3 month course in diamond setting in Texas, USA.

Following individual Chair/Trustee meetings and the Trustees completing a Board skills and experience matrix, a small recruitment working group was set up to drive forward the recruitment process to fill four vacancies on the Board. The matrix enabled the recruitment team to take a focused approach to finding and appointing candidates with appropriate skills and experience. The recruitment process was open and widespread thanks to a successful social media campaign supported by the Trustees engaging with their extensive networks. Following informal short-listing interviews, four new Trustees have been appointed and will attend an induction on 10th May prior to attending their first Dewar Arts Award meeting on the 1st June 2023. We're delighted that the new Trustees include a previous Dewar Awardee as well as exceptional individuals with expertise in various art forms and a passion for supporting young people.

In addition, two additional candidates with a commitment to the Dewar Arts Awards vision have kindly agreed to provide support to the Awards where and when they can. This is a good start to the Board establishing a more formal Associates Group with a range of skills and connections that will enhance our capability to identify and support young people.

Over the past year the main objective was to strengthen our governance and investment strategy to ensure the most efficient and effective use of funds and to safeguard the Dewar Arts Awards portfolio for the future. The Finance and Governance Group has been established and is chaired by Trustee Nicola Catterall. The group has done a considerable amount of work on our internal spending and investment patterns, alongside in-depth discussion and benchmarking of the wider and future investment environment. This has led to recommendations to the Board on establishing the most appropriate Investment Strategy going forward. This will be implemented in the coming year.

The ongoing war in Ukraine and its effects on capital markets has led to a decline in the investment portfolio, which the Board continues to monitor closely, including through increased engagement with the independent fund manager, RBC Brewin Dolphin. Trustees remain committed to balancing the needs of current applicants with the desire for longevity of the funds. In addition to income and capital appreciation of the fund, the Trustees aim to attract additional funds.

The Dewar Arts Award Board will start the next year with a full Board which has the right skills and experience to drive forward a strong Investment and Communications Strategy. The focus will continue to be on governance and investment but critically focus on equity, Inclusion, and diversity and how we communicate the opportunity of support to exceptionally talented young people, with financial need, across a range of art forms and throughout Scotland.

Dewar Arts Award is a small charity with a big responsibility, and it would not operate so successfully without the dedication and hard work of Patricia Rossi, our Administrator, alongside our committed Trustees to whom we are very grateful.

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### **Financial review**

#### Going concern

At the year end the charitable company had total reserves of £3,583,296. During the year the charitable company saw a small increase in its investment income. The total investments in the year saw a significant decrease due to the current economic climate. The potential effect on the level of future dividends and interest from investments as well as capital value have been taken into account by the Trustees in their assessment of the going concern basis.

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

#### Reserves policy

The charitable company received an initial donation of £5m from the then Scottish Executive in 2003.

Dewar Arts Awards do not carry out any fundraising activities and therefore the charitable company's reserve policy is to manage reserves so as to balance current demands for grants with the need for capital growth in order to ensure the future availability of resources to fund charitable activities.

At 31 March 2023, the total reserves of the charitable company were £3,583,296 (2022 - £4,021,069) and all are unrestricted funds.

At 31 March 2023, the total designation funds of the charity were £5,900 (2022 - £30,000) this relates to funds received from the William Grant Foundation not yet utilised.

#### Results

The total income for the year was £104,137 (2022 - £93,084).

The total expenditure for the year was £232,889 (2022 - £452,404). Included within expenditure on charitable activities are grants to individuals totalling £156,950 (2022 - £378,850). Further details of grants provided are included within note 7 to the accounts.

The net decrease in funds for the year was £437,773 (2022 - £213,987) which includes net losses on investments of £309,021 (2022 - gain of £145,333). Net loss on investments represents £277,643 (2022 - gain of £72,768) of unrealised loss on revaluation of investments at the year end and £31,378 (2022 - gain of £72,565) of realised gains on disposals of investments in the year.

At the year end the balance of unrestricted funds was £3,583,296 (2022 - £4,021,069).

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### Financial review (continued)

#### **Investments**

The administration of the charitable company's investments is undertaken by RBC Brewin Dolphin.

The portfolio is managed at a medium risk level. In practice, this means a spread of equity and pooled funds covering various markets, sectors and asset classes.

The investment objective is to generate both income and capital growth, balancing the long-term future of the charitable company whilst supporting the grant award decisions of the Trustees.

The charitable company's investment objectives are continually kept under review.

During the year, income of £104,137 (2022 - £93,084) was earned from the portfolio. The income yield on the portfolio at the year-end was 2.4%.

At the year end the carrying value of the investment portfolio was £3,664,164 (2022 - £4,212,630). The movement in the year represents net disposals from the portfolio in the year totalling £270,823 (2022 - £288,558) and a unrealised loss of £277,643 (2022 - unrealised gain of £72,768).

Over the 12 months ending 31 March 2023 the portfolio was down 4.8% against a benchmark return of a 1.4% reduction, taking into account the generation of income as well as the change in the value of the capital.

The benchmark is a composite benchmark comprising a mix of underlying indices reflective of the client's acceptance of and attitude to risk. The risk scale goes form 1-10 and Risk Category 6 has been selected by the Trustees. The current underlying composition of the portfolio is noted below along with details of the comparable investments against which their performance is measured:

0.8% cash 7 day Libor

20.8% UK Equities FTSE All Share (Total Return)
41.3% Overseas equities FTSE All World ex UK (Total Return)
10.0% Overseas bonds ICE BofA Global Government Bond Index
5.5% UK Corporate Bonds iBoxx UK Sterling Corporates (Total Return)

2.4% property IA Property TR

6.3% Global investments

FTSE All World ex UK ( Total Return)

5.4% absolute return

IA Targeted Absolute Return (Total Return)

5.4% other investments

The equity funds within the investment portfolio have a bias to high quality stocks that are paying a good level of dividend income as it is believed that such an approach will add value over the long-term. The portfolio is well diversified and the investment manager has upheld the ethical restriction to avoid direct investment in companies involved in the manufacture or sale of tobacco. We remain comfortable with the long-term returns achieved and with the current structure of the portfolio to meet the long term investment objectives agreed.

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### Structure, governance and management

#### Legal status

Dewar Art Awards is a charitable company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association set up on 27 June 2002. The company is registered in Scotland with OSCR as a charity and having no taxable activities is not liable to corporation tax. The members have agreed to contribute £1 in the event of the charity being wound up.

#### Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the charitable company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

The minimum number of Trustees is three. The Trustees may appoint a person who is willing to act as a Trustee provided that such person has been admitted as a member. The Trustees shall all retire at each annual general meeting of the company but shall be eligible for re-election.

#### Organisation

The Trustees met four times during the year. On a day to day basis the charitable company was administered by Patricia Rossi. The administrator receives all applications and provides full details of these to Trustees at each meeting. They also deal with all trust payments. The Trustees also consider urgent applications between meetings. The charitable company has an IT consultant who manages their website. The investment portfolio was administered by Brewin Dolphin. The investment manager produces quarterly reports for the Trustees.

#### Risk assessment and management

The Trustees have assessed the major risk to which the charity is exposed in particular those relating to operations and finances of the charity and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to them. These risks are assessed through the risk register that the charity maintains and will continue to update periodically. The key risks considered by the Trustees and the mitigation of these risks is as follows:

Propriety of investment of funds in line with the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The Trustees have set and regularly review the investment policy and have appointed an independent professional fund manager and charity specialist, RBC Brewin Dolphin, to actively manage the charitable company's investment portfolio.

### Mismatch between income available and demand for funding, particularly in times of economic recession when the need is greatest

The investment fund is managed to generate both income and capital growth over the long term and the Trustees have flexibility to expend capital as well as income. The level of grants awarded and cumulative commitments are reviewed at every Trustees meeting along with the value of remaining funds reported by RBC Brewin Dolphin.

#### Improper payment or misuse of grants awarded

Grants awarded are paid based on documented Trustees' decisions and there is segregation between the persons initiating and authorising the payment. Recipient details are verified prior to payment and wherever possible grants are paid directly to the educational institution and not the awardee. All awardees are required to fully account for grant expenditure, multiple awards are subject to re-approval each year and grants are recovered or withheld in the rare cases that they are not used for the intended purpose.

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### Plans for future periods

The Board will continue with the governance and assessment scheduled meetings throughout the year, however in addition there will be an Away Day for all Trustees to discuss the strategy and plan action for the future. Further changes to the application form will be developed to attract more diverse applicants and to explore further what support young people may need to ensure success.

The Marketing and Communications subgroup will review the marketing and communication plan and will implement a website and social media campaign for the dispersal of the William Grant funding. This will include wider communication with other funders such as The Robertson Trust and Institutions and organisations associated with creative learning and training. The Dewar Arts Awards will establish an Associates Network to grow the knowledge of the range of creative activity we are assessing and to provide the range of support young people may need to succeed.

#### Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all reasonable steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditor is aware of that information.

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### **Auditor**

The auditor, French Duncan LLP trading as AAB, has indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditor at a meeting of the Trustees.

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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Jill Miller
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Jill Miller (Chairperson)

Date: 21 December 2023

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DEWAR ARTS AWARDS

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Dewar Arts Awards (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and 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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including 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 Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. 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 charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DEWAR ARTS AWARDS (CONTINUED)

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. 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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

#### Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DEWAR ARTS AWARDS (CONTINUED)

#### **Responsibilities of Trustees**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charitable company through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our charity sector knowledge;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charitable company, including the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, data protection, anti-bribery, employment, and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DEWAR ARTS AWARDS (CONTINUED)

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed high level analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- · reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance.

Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities">www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities</a>. This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DEWAR ARTS AWARDS (CONTINUED)

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members and Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company, its members, as a body, and its trustees, as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Antony J Sinclair CA (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of French Duncan LLP
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors
81 George Street
Edinburgh
EH2 3ES

Date: 21 December 2023

French Duncan LLP trading as AAB are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:				
Investments	3	104,137	104,137	93,084
Total income		104,137	104,137	93,084
Expenditure on:			_	_
Raising funds	4	24,257	24,257	27,873
Charitable activities	5	208,632	208,632	424,531
Total expenditure		232,889	232,889	452,404
Net expenditure before net (losses)/gains on investments		(128,752)	(128,752)	(359,320)
Net (losses)/gains on investments		(309,021)	(309,021)	145,333
Net (expenditure) and net movement in funds		(437,773)	(437,773)	(213,987)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		4,021,069	4,021,069	4,235,056
Net movement in funds		(437,773)	(437,773)	(213,987)
Total funds carried forward		3,583,296	3,583,296	4,021,069

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 17 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

#### **DEWAR ARTS AWARDS**

(A Company Limited by Guarantee) REGISTERED NUMBER: SC233774

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

Fixed assets	Note		2023 £		2022 £
Investments	12		3,664,164		4,212,630
Current assets					
Debtors	13	817		508	
Cash at bank and in hand		99,211		70,242	
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Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(180,896)		(262,311)	
Net current liabilities	-		(80,868)		(191,561)
Total net assets			3,583,296		4,021,069
Charity funds					
Unrestricted funds	15		3,583,296		4,021,069
Total funds			3,583,296		4,021,069
Net current liabilities  Total net assets  Charity funds Unrestricted funds	-	(180,896)	3,583,296	(262,311)	4,021,

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Jill Miller (Chairperson)

Date: 21 December 2023

The notes on pages 17 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### 1. General information

The charitable company is a company limited by guarantee (registered number SC233774) and also a registered Scottish charity (charity number SC033216). Its registered office is 81 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 3ES.

The members of the charitable company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the charitable company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charitable company.

#### 2. Accounting policies

#### 2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Charities Accounts Scotland Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Companies Act 2006.

Dewar Arts Awards meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements were prepared in Sterling and rounded to the nearest £.

#### 2.2 Going concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. The charitable company has a strong balance sheet with sufficient current assets to meet its liabilities as and when they fall due. In common with other charitable organisations, Dewar Arts Awards is dependent on income from investments to ensure it's objectives continue to be achieved for the longer term. External factors such as the economic uncertainties and war in Ukraine have impacted on the value of the charities investments however since the pandemic the charity has seen an increase in investment income in the reporting period. The Trustees have taken these factors into account in consideration of the charitable company's going concern assumption.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.3 Income

All income, including dividends received, is recognised once the charitable company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charitable company is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charitable company has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charitable company, or the charitable company is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the charitable company has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the charitable company of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measure reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charitable company which is the amount the charitable company would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

#### 2.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charitable company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

#### 2.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charitable company.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charitable company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.6 Grants

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

A creditor is recognised in the financial statements to the extent that commitments made in respect of approved grant applications remain unpaid at the year end.

Where applicants fail to meet the specified criteria of their grant award, the unpaid amount of their grant held within creditors is credited back to the income and expenditure account.

#### 2.7 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance Sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### 2.8 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

#### 2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

#### 2.10 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

#### 2.11 Financial instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.12 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charitable company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

#### 3. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Investment income - UK listed investments	73,411	73,411	62,443
Investment income - non-UK listed investments	30,726	30,726	30,641
	104,137	104,137 —————————	93,084
Total 2022	93,084	93,084	

#### 4. Expenditure on raising funds

l	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Investment management fees	24,257	24,257	27,873
Total 2022	27,873	27,873	

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

<ol><li>Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities</li></ol>	5.	Analysis	of expen	diture on	charitable	activities
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Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Grant making	208,632	208,632	424,531
Total 2022	424,531	424,531	

### 6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Grant funding of activities 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Grant making	156,950	51,682	208,632	424,531
Total 2022	378,850	45,681	424,531	

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

### **Analysis of support costs**

	Activities 2023	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Wages and salaries	25,127	25,127	22,000
Office and administration expenses	5,886	5,886	2,275
Website costs	6,464	6,464	8,752
Accountancy fees	5,000	5,000	6,464
Bank charges	30	30	30
Governance costs	9,175	9,175	6,160
	51,682	51,682	45,681
Total 2022	45,681 —————	45,681	

### 7. Analysis of grants

	Grants to Individuals 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Awards made	156,950	156,950 ————	378,850
Total 2022	378,850	378,850	

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### 7. Analysis of grants (continued)

#### **Analysis of awards**

	2023 £	2022 £
Music	25,550	193,600
Theatre	71,100	82,500
Craft	4,500	27,600
Dance	45,300	75,150
Film	5,500	-
Literature	5,000	-
	156,950	378,850

The charitable company awarded 11 (2022 - 12) single year awards ranging between £800 and £7,000 (2022 - £200 and £10,000) and 14 (2022 - 23) multi-year awards ranging between £2,000 and £9,000 (2022 - £2,000 and £12,000) during the year.

The above grants are stated net of credits totalling £40,350 (2022 - £NIL) which have arisen as a result of grants committed in earlier years which are no longer going to be paid.

Included within the above figures are grants committed for 2023/24 year totalling £103,350 (2022/23 - £193,600).

The amount owed in respect of grants at 31 March 2023 is detailed in note 14 and represents the grants committed for 2023/24 year and the grants approved during the year which remain unpaid at the year end.

#### 8. Gains and losses on investments

	2023 £	2022 £
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	(277,643)	72,768
Realised gains/(losses) on disposals of investments	(31,378)	72,565
	(309,021)	145,333

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

9.	Auditor's remuneration		
		2023 £	2022 £
	Fees payable to the charitable company's auditor for the audit of the charitable company's annual accounts	5,000	5,236
	Fees payable to the charitable company's auditor in respect of: All non-audit services not included above	6,810	6,464
10.	Staff costs		

The average number of persons employed by the charitable company during the year was as follows:

2023	2022
No.	No.
1	1

2023

25,127

2022 £

22,000

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

Key management personnel comprises the Trustees only. During the year no remuneration was paid to key management personnel (2022 £NIL).

#### 11. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

Wages and salaries

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2023, expenses totalling £115 were reimbursed or paid directly to 3 Trustees (2022 - £NIL to Trustee) for travel expenditure.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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Cost or valuation         At 1 April 2022       4,212,630         Additions       524,831         Disposals       (795,654)         Revaluations       (277,643)         At 31 March 2023       3,664,164         Net book value       4,212,630         At 31 March 2023       4,212,630         Investments at market value comprise:       2023       2022         E       £         UK listed investments       1,919,798       2,208,304         Overseas listed investments       1,714,249       1,945,014         Cash held within the investment portfolio       30,117       59,312         The historic cost of listed investments is £3,439,543 (2022 - £3,549,929).       59,312         Debtors       2023       2022         £       £         Frepayments and accrued income       817       508			Listed investments £
Additions Disposals Revaluations  At 31 March 2023  At 31 March 2023  At 31 March 2023  At 31 March 2023  At 31 March 2022  At 31 March 2023  At 31 March 2022  At 31 March 2023  At 31 March 20	Cost or valuation		
Disposals       (795,654)         Revaluations       (277,643)         At 31 March 2023       3,664,164         At 31 March 2023       3,664,164         At 31 March 2022       4,212,630         Investments at market value comprise:       2023 £ £         UK listed investments       1,919,798 2,208,304         Overseas listed investments       1,714,249 1,945,014         Cash held within the investment portfolio       30,117 59,312         The historic cost of listed investments is £3,439,543 (2022 - £3,549,929).         Debtors       2023 £ £	At 1 April 2022		4,212,630
Revaluations       (277,643)         At 31 March 2023       3,664,164         At 31 March 2023       4,212,630         Investments at market value comprise:         UK listed investments       1,919,798       2,208,304         Overseas listed investments       1,714,249       1,945,014         Cash held within the investment portfolio       30,117       59,312         The historic cost of listed investments is £3,439,543 (2022 - £3,549,929).       3,664,164       4,212,630         Debtors	Additions		524,831
At 31 March 2023       3,664,164         Net book value       3,664,164         At 31 March 2023       4,212,630         Investments at market value comprise:       2023 2022 £ £ £         UK listed investments       1,919,798 2,208,304         Overseas listed investments       1,714,249 1,945,014         Cash held within the investment portfolio       30,117 59,312         The historic cost of listed investments is £3,439,543 (2022 - £3,549,929).         Debtors       2023 2022 £ £ £			(795,654)
Net book value         At 31 March 2023       3,664,164         At 31 March 2022       4,212,630         Investments at market value comprise:         UK listed investments       1,919,798       2,208,304         Overseas listed investments       1,714,249       1,945,014         Cash held within the investment portfolio       30,117       59,312         The historic cost of listed investments is £3,439,543 (2022 - £3,549,929).         Debtors         2023       2022         £       £	Revaluations		(277,643)
At 31 March 2023       3,664,164         At 31 March 2022       4,212,630         Investments at market value comprise:         2023 £ £ £         UK listed investments       1,919,798 2,208,304         Overseas listed investments       1,714,249 1,945,014         Cash held within the investment portfolio       30,117 59,312         The historic cost of listed investments is £3,439,543 (2022 - £3,549,929).         Debtors	At 31 March 2023		3,664,164
### At 31 March 2022    Investments at market value comprise:    2023	Net book value		
Investments at market value comprise:  2023	At 31 March 2023		3,664,164
## Debtors    2023	At 31 March 2022		4,212,630
UK listed investments       1,919,798       2,208,304         Overseas listed investments       1,714,249       1,945,014         Cash held within the investment portfolio       30,117       59,312         3,664,164       4,212,630         The historic cost of listed investments is £3,439,543 (2022 - £3,549,929).         Debtors         2023       2022         £       £	Investments at market value comprise:		
Overseas listed investments       1,714,249       1,945,014         Cash held within the investment portfolio       30,117       59,312         3,664,164       4,212,630         The historic cost of listed investments is £3,439,543 (2022 - £3,549,929).         Debtors         2023       2022         £       £			
Cash held within the investment portfolio       30,117       59,312         3,664,164       4,212,630    The historic cost of listed investments is £3,439,543 (2022 - £3,549,929). Debtors          2023       2022         £       £	UK listed investments	1,919,798	2,208,304
3,664,164       4,212,630         The historic cost of listed investments is £3,439,543 (2022 - £3,549,929).         Debtors         2023       2022         £       £	Overseas listed investments	1,714,249	1,945,014
The historic cost of listed investments is £3,439,543 (2022 - £3,549,929).  Debtors  2023 2022 £ £	Cash held within the investment portfolio	30,117	59,312
Debtors 2023 2022 £ £		3,664,164	4,212,630
2023 2022 £ £	The historic cost of listed investments is £3,439,543 (2022 - £3,549,929).		
£ £	Debtors		
Prepayments and accrued income 817 508			
	Prepayments and accrued income	817	508

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

14.	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Grants payable	167,050	248,550
Accruals	13,846	13,761
- -	180,896	262,311

#### 15. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds						
Designated funds						
William Grant Foundation	30,000		(24,100)			5,900
General funds						
General Funds	3,328,368	104,137	(208,789)	160,716	(31,378)	3,353,054
Revaluation reserve	662,701	-	-	(160,716)	(277,643)	224,342
	3,991,069	104,137	(208,789)	-	(309,021)	3,577,396
Total Unrestricted funds	4,021,069	104,137	(232,889)		(309,021)	3,583,296

Balance at

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 15. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds						
Designated funds						
William Grant Foundation	30,000				-	30,000
General funds						
General Funds	3,411,488	93,084	(452,404)	203,635	72,565	3,328,368
Revaluation reserve	793,568	-	-	(203,635)	72,768	662,701
	4,205,056	93,084	(452,404)	<u>-</u>	145,333	3,991,069
Total Unrestricted funds	4,235,056	93,084	(452,404)	-	145,333	4,021,069

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 16. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Designated	20.000		(24.400)			<b>5</b> 000
funds	30,000	-	(24,100)	-	-	5,900
General funds	3,991,069	104,137	(208,789)	-	(309,021)	3,577,396
	4,021,069	104,137	(232,889)		(309,021)	3,583,296
Summary of fu	ınds - prior year					
	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	31 March 2022 £
Designated funds	30,000	_	-	-	_	30,000
General funds	4,205,056	93,084	(452,404)	-	145,333	3,991,069
	4,235,056	93,084	(452,404)	-	145,333	4,021,069

### 17. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Fixed asset investments	3,664,164	3,664,164
Current assets	100,028	100,028
Creditors due within one year	(180,896)	(180,896)
Total	3,583,296	3,583,296

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 17. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
4,212,630	4,212,630
70,750	70,750
(262,311)	(262,311)
4,021,069	4,021,069
	funds 2022 £ 4,212,630 70,750 (262,311)

#### 18. Contingent liabilities

In addition to the grants accrued in note 14, the Trustees have also authorised certain grants (conditional awards) which are subject to the recipients fulfilling certain conditions. These conditional grant awards are as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Payment possible in more than one year	69,500	69,800

#### 19. Controlling party

In the opinion of the Trustees there is no ultimate controlling party of the charitable company.