

CHESTER MUSIC SOCIETY

SHOWCASE CHAIRMAN'S & TREASURER'S COMBINED REPORT FOR AGM, VIA ZOOM, 10 NOVEMBER 2021

Chairman's Report

No live concerts were performed for Showcase during the period August 1st 2020 to July 31st 2021, due to lockdown restrictions and our venue St Mary's being closed over that period.

CMS agreed to run a series of Showcase virtual concerts in place of our normal season in combination with Celebrity virtual concerts.

A total of three virtual concerts were made available over the year on the newly set up Chester Music Society YouTube Channel. Details are as follows.

Pupils of John Gough – Piano Solos, premiered on the 9th of September 2020 featuring Justine Gormley, Felix Gideonse, Rufus Edwards and Matthew Lau. The programme featured videos created by the artists themselves with the help of friends and family. All the performances were excellent. **Total fee £0. Total Views 298.**

Martin Bickerton – Guitar Solo, premiered on the 16th of December 2020 featured an interesting group of pieces based on the theme of homage to other artists, as well as some more traditional classical guitar solos. **Total fee £250. Total views 135.**

Past Young Musician Winners, premiered on the 20th of January 2021 with well-known local young artists Louie McIver (piano), Emily Stewart (soprano) and Will Bracken (piano). Again, these were all excellent performance showing how the past winners have moved forward with their musical interpretation. **Total fee £50. Total views 257.**

Treasurers Report

No income was received over the period. However, many concert viewers generously supported the Society with donations. After first setting aside some money to cover the Societies yearly fixed costs the donations have been distributed between the three performing sections of the Society with all the artists receiving additional bursaries on top of any fees paid. These were gratefully received.

I would like that thank Sue and David Taylor for managing this aspect of our finances.

As can be seen from the above the total costs for Showcase concerts was only £300.

General

The committee is currently short of a secretary and one other member. Volunteers can expect a relaxed committee workload.

With the current covid restrictions being eased and St Mary's reopening, Showcase intends to put on three or four live concerts over the season 2021-2022 which will commence in January and run to April.

Mick Clarke, Chairman
Penny Clarke, Treasurer

October 12th 2021