

Registration number: 01476933

# The European Suzuki Association Limited

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

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# The European Suzuki Association Limited

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## Company Information

<b>Directors</b>	Muge Eraydin Yegin Marco Messina Anke Van Der Bijl Ms Helen Ursula Brunner Wim Meuris Samal Petersen Trudy Byron-Fahy Monique Dowgwillo Bartosz Henrych Sarah Buckley Ms Niina Haapanen Flora Gáll Sallija Bankevica Kristine Ravina Deja Aukštikalnyte Mr. Martin Wood Jana Hrabanová Catherine Stirling Juan-Carlos Navarro Gimeno Mona Anita Nesse Marie Velu Päivikki Wirkkala-Malmqvist Karmen Kaaramees Elena Sterelyukhina Sonnika Maritz Venter Patricia Rüttimann Camilla Holm Svanberg Andrea Mugrauer-Beis
<b>Company secretary</b>	Mr Martin Wood
<b>Company Number</b>	01476933
<b>Registered office</b>	26b Tesla Court, Innovation Way Peterborough PE2 6FL

# **The European Suzuki Association Limited**

## **Company Information**

### **Accountants**

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# **The European Suzuki Association Limited**

## **Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

### **Statement of Directors' Responsibilities**

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors 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 company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

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

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **Principal activity**

The principal activity of the company continued to be a nonprofit organisation whose objects are 'to further the undertakings of Dr Suzuki's approach to education in Europe and in connection therewith, to facilitate contact internationally and particularly between Europe, America and Japan'.

The Directors are pleased to report that during the year from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023, progress has continued in fulfilling these objectives.

- The organisation's 26 member national Suzuki associations all continue to be active and most reported growth in the number of trained Suzuki teachers in their countries.
- The European Suzuki Association Limited (ESA) maintained its commitment to the training of teachers. Teacher Training programmes continue in most of our member countries and new programmes are being established in other countries.
- The ESA continued to publish a Teachers' Newsletter.
- The ESA continued to play an active part in international cooperation through its membership of the International Suzuki Association (ISA).

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#### Other Activities and Achievements

Teacher Training remains at the core of the ESA's work.

Seven new Teacher Trainers were appointed this year -

Machteld Van Geenhoven, Belgium, Flute  
Maria Będzińska, Poland, Violin  
Carlota Alonso Jartín, Spain, Violin  
Griet Wytynck, Belgium, Violin  
Mauro Bianco Levrin, Italy, Guitar  
Anna Sibley, UK, Piano  
Michelle Post, Switzerland, Piano

The ESA Board continues to oversee Teacher Training standards whilst the appointment of new Teacher Trainers is delegated to Instrument Committees. These committees are nominated by the Teacher Trainers and formally elected by the Board of Directors.

#### Instrument Committees

##### FLUTE

Anke van der Bijl (Chair)  
Sarah Hanley  
Marja-Leena Mäkilä

##### GUITAR

Harald Söderberg (Chair)  
Elio Galvagno  
Nuria Cervantes

##### PIANO

Sue Bird (Chair)  
Stephen Power  
Mary McCarthy  
Kevin Smith  
Maarit Honkanen

##### VIOLA

Mysie Ferguson (Chair)  
Joanne Martin  
Sarah Buckley

##### VIOLIN

Koen Rens (Chair)  
Trudy Byron Fahy  
Mysie Ferguson  
Agathe Jerie  
Jane Panter

##### VIOLONCELLO

Tessa Oakley (Chair)  
Eulalia Subira Adelantado  
Ruben Rivera  
Carey Beth Hockett  
Alessandro Andriani

## **The European Suzuki Association Limited**

### **Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

VOICE

Analia Capponi (Chair)

Katrina Pezzimenti

Mervi Sipola-Maliniemi

For DOUBLE BASS, HARP, MANDOLIN, ORGAN, RECORDER, SECE, and BRASS (TRUMPET, TROMBONE, FRENCH HORN, EUPHONIUM AND TUBA) the ESA Board appoint Instrument Committees as and when required.

Events held in 2023 were -

European Suzuki Guitar Convention, ITALY

#### **Future Events**

The next Board Meeting and AGM will be held at Aarhus Musikskole, Vester Allé 3, Aarhus DENMARK on Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 April 2024.

Events planned for 2024 -

European Suzuki Teachers Conference, Aarhus DENMARK

European Suzuki Flute Teachers Conference, Aarhus DENMARK

European Suzuki Viola Gathering, Biezenmortel, The NETHERLANDS

#### **Governance**

The members of The European Suzuki Association Limited are the national Suzuki associations in the area of operation who have satisfied the membership criteria set out in the ESA's Bylaws and have been elected as members by the Annual General Meeting.

The ESA's area of operation has been defined by the International Suzuki Association (ISA), which has granted the ESA a licence to use the 'Suzuki' name and trademark in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. ESA has also been given the right to issue 'Name Agreement sublicences' to national Suzuki associations in these areas.

The Board of Directors consists of representatives from each of the national Suzuki Associations (Country Directors), plus elected officers. The Board of Directors nominates the following Officers Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer and Honorary Secretary and two Officers. All Directors are formally appointed by election at the AGM.

There has been increasing interest in becoming a member of the European Suzuki Association from the Middle East and Africa. Directors will be looking at the ways to ensure good governance of an organisation which is fast growing in numbers and geographical spread.

At the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 12 April 2023, the following changes were made:

#### **RESIGNATIONS**

##### **Country Directors**

DENMARK Ann Dorte Laub Busk

RUSSIA Svetlana Surodina

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### Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

#### APPOINTMENTS

##### Country Directors

DENMARK Camilla Holm Svanberg

RUSSIA Elena Sterelyukhina

All other Directors were re-elected.

A meeting of the Board of Directors took place on Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 April 2023 with an additional interim meeting taking place on Zoom on Sunday 19 November 2023.

The Directors set out below held office during the whole of the period from 1st January 2023 to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

##### Officers

CHAIR Anke van der Bijl

DEPUTY CHAIR Patricia Rüttimann

HONORARY SECRETARY Kristine Ravina

TREASURER Martin Wood

OFFICER Juan-Carlos Navarro Gimeno

##### Country Directors

AUSTRIA Andrea Mugrauer-Beis

BELGIUM Wim Meuris

CZECH REPUBLIC Jana Hrabaňová

DENMARK Camilla Holm Svanberg *(from 12 April 2023)*

ESTONIA Sirje Subbe-Tamm

FAROE ISLANDS Sámal Petersen

FINLAND Niina Haapanen

FRANCE Marie Velu

GERMANY Flora Gáll

ICELAND Sarah Buckley

IRELAND Trudy Byron-Fahy

ITALY Marco Messina

LATVIA Sallija Bankevica

LITHUANIA Dėja Aukštikalnytė

NETHERLANDS Monique Dowgwillo

NORWAY Mona Anita Nesse

POLAND Bartosz Henrych

RUSSIA Elena Sterelyukhina *(from 12 April 2023)*

SOUTH AFRICA Sonnika Maritz Venter

SPAIN Lucia Bellido

SWEDEN Päivikki Wirkkala-Malmqvist

SWITZERLAND Patricia Rüttimann

TURKEY Müge Eraydin Yegin

UKRAINE Olha Bykanova

UNITED KINGDOM Helen Brunner

ZIMBABWE Catherine Stirling



## **The European Suzuki Association Limited**

### **Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

#### **Administration**

The ESA's Administrator reports to the Officers on a regular basis, and the Board is kept in touch with any major developments that occur between meetings, which are usually held once a year.

The Administrative Office serves as a contact point between members and assists Board Members, Instrument Committees and Teacher Trainers in their work.

The ESA is committed to maintaining good communications with its own member associations and with Suzuki associations in other regions. The ESA website and central member database has helped to achieve this in providing a much improved source of information on the ESA, its Country Members, Suzuki Instruments, Events, News and Exam Results from around the Region. The search facility for 'Find a Teacher' is an important tool for parents. Teachers are finding the Members section useful for all ESA procedures and documents, as well as Articles written by teachers for teachers to establish a vivid platform of exchange and a rich source of information for all teacher members.

A steady flow of enquiries is received through the 'Contact us' form.

The Teachers' Newsletter is published once a year and is available as an eNewsletter on the ESA website.

An Administrative Assistant helps with the increasing workload of the ESA Office, being primarily responsible for the recording of exam results and the issue of ESA Certificates.

#### **Small companies provision statement**

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

Approved and authorised by the Board on 26 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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Anke Van Der Bijl  
Director

**Chartered Certified Accountants' Report to the Board of Directors on the Preparation  
of the Unaudited Statutory Accounts of  
The European Suzuki Association Limited  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of The European Suzuki Association Limited for the year ended 31 December 2023 as set out on pages 9 to 15 from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <https://www.accaglobal.com/gb/en/member/standards/rules-and-standards/rulebook.html> .

This report is made solely to the Board of Directors of The European Suzuki Association Limited, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the accounts of The European Suzuki Association Limited and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the Board of Directors of The European Suzuki Association Limited, as a body, in this report in accordance with the requirements of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants as detailed at <http://www.accaglobal.com/gb/en/technical-activities/technical-resources-search/2009/october/factsheet-163-audit-exempt-companies.html> . To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than The European Suzuki Association Limited and its Board of Directors as a body for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that The European Suzuki Association Limited has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory accounts that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit of The European Suzuki Association Limited. You consider that The European Suzuki Association Limited is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the accounts of The European Suzuki Association Limited. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory accounts.

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26 April 2024

## The European Suzuki Association Limited

### Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Turnover		78,449	81,277
Cost of sales		<u>(12,958)</u>	<u>(14,273)</u>
Gross surplus		65,491	67,004
Administrative expenses		<u>(61,950)</u>	<u>(78,306)</u>
Operating surplus/(deficit)		<u>3,541</u>	<u>(11,302)</u>
Surplus/(deficit) before tax		<u>3,541</u>	<u>(11,302)</u>
Surplus/(deficit) for the financial year		<u><u>3,541</u></u>	<u><u>(11,302)</u></u>

The above results were derived from continuing operations.

The company has no recognised gains or losses for the year other than the results above.

The notes on pages 13 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	<u>3,541</u>	<u>(11,302)</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u><u>3,541</u></u>	<u><u>(11,302)</u></u>

## The European Suzuki Association Limited

### (Registration number: 01476933) Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	4	2,720	457
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>123,660</u>	<u>92,511</u>
		126,380	92,968
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	5	<u>(33,167)</u>	<u>(3,296)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>93,213</u>	<u>89,672</u>
<b>Reserves</b>			
Retained Earnings		<u>93,213</u>	<u>89,672</u>
Surplus		<u>93,213</u>	<u>89,672</u>

For the financial year ending 31 December 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved and authorised by the Board on 26 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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Anke Van Der Bijl  
Director

The notes on pages 13 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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### Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	<b>Retained Earnings £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
At 1 January 2023	89,672	89,672
Surplus for the year	3,541	3,541
At 31 December 2023	<u>93,213</u>	<u>93,213</u>
	<b>Retained Earnings £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
At 1 January 2022	100,974	100,974
Deficit for the year	(11,302)	(11,302)
At 31 December 2022	<u>89,672</u>	<u>89,672</u>

The notes on pages 13 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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## Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

### 1 General information

The company is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the company in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

26b Tesla Court,  
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England

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board on 26 April 2024.

### 2 Accounting policies

#### Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

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

#### Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 Section 1A smaller entities - 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006 (as applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime).

#### Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost convention except that as disclosed in the accounting policies certain items are shown at fair value.

#### Revenue recognition

Turnover comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the sale of goods and provision of services in the ordinary course of the company's activities. Turnover is shown net of sales/value added tax, returns, rebates and discounts.

The company recognises revenue when:

The amount of revenue can be reliably measured;

it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity;

and specific criteria have been met for each of the company's activities.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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## Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

### Trade Debtors

Trade Debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade Debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

### Trade Creditors

Trade Creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the company does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade Creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

### Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the profit and loss account over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the company has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

### 3 Staff numbers

The average number of persons employed by the company (including directors) during the year, was 0 (2022 - 29).

### 4 Debtors

	2023	2022
Current	£	£
Trade Debtors	2,321	14
Prepayments	399	-
Other debtors	-	443
	<u>2,720</u>	<u>457</u>



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### Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

#### 5 Creditors

##### Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Due within one year</b>			
Loans and borrowings	6	16	-
Trade Creditors		4,605	2,840
Other creditors		28,546	456
		<u>33,167</u>	<u>3,296</u>

#### 6 Loans and borrowings

##### Current loans and borrowings

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank overdrafts	<u>16</u>	<u>-</u>

## The European Suzuki Association Limited

### Detailed Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Turnover</b>				
Membership fees - Country		74,735		74,839
Membership Fees - Individual		2,074		1,962
Teacher Training Registration Course Fees		1,400		890
Convention Registration Fees		-		2,240
CPD Courses		140		120
Fund Raising Income		100		1,226
		78,449		81,277
<b>Cost of Sales</b>				
Other direct costs	12,958		14,273	
		(12,958)		(14,273)
<b>GROSS SURPLUS</b>		65,491		67,004
<b>Administrative expenses</b>				
Donations to European Suzuki Teaching Development Trust		-	11,208	
Travel and subsistence	12,676		17,982	
Advertising	2,808		4,861	
Administration	43,119		40,989	
Legal and professional fees	2,948		2,973	
Bank charges	399		293	
	(61,950)		(78,306)	
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>		3,541		(11,302)

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements.