



Dartington (North Devon) Trust
YOUNG MUSICIANS' SUPPORT
Registered Charity No. 281310

Dear Friends

I am writing at the beginning of September to give you news of our achievements over the past year, as well as advising you of forthcoming events.

First of all the Committee has very reluctantly allowed Sylvia Harrop to retire from the Chair, after many years of dedicated hard work and many hours on the telephone. We give her our warmest thanks. We are also grateful to Sue Brodie for all her efforts as Secretary over several years; she now feels the need to hand over these duties but will remain on the committee.

Your Committee therefore now stands as follows:-

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Our annual awards to students in the Spring of this year amounted to £2,410. There were some very gifted players amongst them and we hope to have an opportunity in the coming year to showcase their talents.

A Trio of young musicians from West Buckland School gave their first solo recital at the Landmark Theatre in aid of YMS. This was a huge success, a treat for all who were able to be there, a wonderful experience for the Trio to perform in front of a 'real' audience and the event also generated good publicity for YMS. I am sure we will be seeing them again, together and as individual performers.

We were most fortunate to have our Patron, Imogen Cooper, return to the Queen's Theatre, playing to a full house. She afterwards spoke to several of

our promising students, including the Buckland Trio, and was most encouraging about our efforts. This concert gave a tremendous boost to our funds.

Looking ahead we have two very exciting concerts to bring to your attention. Unfortunately the advertised recital by Jeanine Thorpe and Susan Steele has had to be cancelled but we have been lucky enough to secure **Circle of Fifths** who will now play the lunchtime (**1pm**) concert at the **Queen's Theatre** on **September 13th**. A quintet of very talented young wind players, (their clarinetist comes from North Devon and is a previous recipient of a YMS award) they present a varied and entertaining programme including works by Malcolm Arnold and Milhaud. You may have seen them at the Loxhore Garden Party event when they were very well received.

The second concert features the **Gaudeamus Chamber Orchestra** from the Riga Academy in Latvia. This group of young adult players and their tutors is on a tour sponsored by the E.U. We have heard glowing reports of their playing and I do hope you will be able to give your support as they come to share their music-making with us. Jeanine Thorpe will join them as soloist in Bach's Violin Concerto No 1 and their programme will also include works by Mozart and Tchaikovsky. This concert will be held at the **Landmark Theatre** beginning at **2.30pm** on **Sunday 5th November**. The Landmark Café is also offering a traditional Sunday lunch before the concert. The Orchestra will perform again the following evening at St John's School in Sidmouth.

I hope you will be as excited by these concerts as we are, and that you will rally as much support as possible from amongst your friends. Tickets for the Queen's Theatre concert are only £3.50, and there are some free tickets available for young people, so do come.

This scheme for YMS to sponsor free tickets for young people received particular support from Imogen Cooper and has now been extended to the entire Classical Series at the Queen's Theatre and to certain concerts at The Plough Arts Centre at Torrington. We owe our thanks to these venues for supporting the initiative. Please encourage any youngsters you know to take advantage of this remarkable opportunity.

If you have read this far, I hope that means you wish to continue supporting YMS but if you no longer wish to be kept up to date with our news or to receive notification of forthcoming events, please let us know. On the other hand if you think you know someone who might be interested in the work of YMS we would like to have their contact details. Write, phone or e-mail Karen Hopper and we will update our mailing list.

The best way to support YMS is to come to our events and enjoy wonderful music while contributing to our funds. If you are unable to come, any donations, large or small, are always welcome. Send a cheque to Michael Downward or contact him for a Direct Debit mandate form.

Thank you so much for your support of this worthwhile cause.

Heather Shorten
CHAIRMAN
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