

By becoming a Friend or a Patron you can help to ensure that the Brighton Philharmonic Orchestra continues bringing pleasure to thousands of classical music lovers every year.

The BPO's aim is to provide enjoyable, varied, professional concerts at affordable prices. In order to do this the orchestra relies on the support of its parent organisation, the Brighton & Hove Philharmonic Society, a registered charity comprised of the 'Friends of the Philharmonic'.

The income from Friends' subscriptions and donations contributes around £15,000 a year to the BPO's concerts, helping the orchestra perform the wide range of repertoire that its audiences enjoy.

Becoming a Friend or Patron makes you a vital part of the BPO's activities and, in addition to helping support the orchestra, Friends enjoy a number of benefits including:

- 'Philharmonic Friends' – a regular newsletter keeping you up to date with the BPO's activities
- Advance details of concerts
- Priority booking
- Exclusive Friends' events
- Entry to open rehearsals
- Voting rights at the Annual General Meeting

Without its Friends the BPO could not have survived for 80 years at the heart of the city's music-making – **your support can help it remain there.**

MEMBERSHIP RATES

Annual membership as a Friend or Patron runs from the start of the BPO's concert season in September/October each year. New Friends and Patrons are therefore only required to pay for part of their first year if they join between November and August. See back page for membership rates.

BARRY WORDSWORTH Principal Conductor



APPLICATION FORM

Please indicate your membership rate using the table overleaf.

Title _____ Forename(s): _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

PAYMENT METHOD

- I enclose a cheque for £ _____ payable to **BHPS**
- I wish to pay by Delta / Mastercard / Maestro / Switch / Visa (delete as applicable)

Please debit my account with £ _____ Cardholder's name _____

Card Number

Start date ____ / ____ Expiry date ____ / ____

Issue No. (if applicable) Security No.

Signature _____ Print name _____

- I wish to pay £ _____ by Direct Debit (Please complete the instruction to pay by Direct Debit overleaf)
If you would like to add a donation to your membership each year please enter the additional amount here: £ _____

If you wish to pay by Direct Debit the amount you indicate in the table overleaf will be paid to the BHPS immediately and the above amount(s) will be paid annually. You will receive a reminder at least ten working days before your annual payment is due in September each year.

Direct Debits are handled on behalf of the Brighton & Hove Philharmonic Society by the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF), registered charity no.268369.

GIFT AID – MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION GO EVEN FURTHER

The Gift Aid scheme allows us to reclaim tax from the Inland Revenue on your contribution, at no extra cost to you. This means that if you are a UK taxpayer every £1 you pay is worth £1.25 to the BPO (at 2008 rates).

- I am a UK taxpayer and would like all eligible subscriptions and donations to be treated as Gift Aid donations until further notice.

Higher rate tax payers can claim further tax relief in their Self Assessment return. Please remember to notify us if your circumstances change. You must pay UK Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax the charity reclaims on your donation in the tax year.

Please return this form to:

BHPS, 41 George Street, Brighton BN2 1RJ

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