

Bromsgrove Concerts Newsletter November 2011

Website

If you have access to the web please take a look at our new website. www.bromsgrove-concerts.org.uk It's worth a visit with details of all the concerts in the current series and a direct link to the Artrix box office so you can book direct. It's still being developed by Chris Cooke who has already spent much time re-designing it. It would help us to keep in touch with you if you log in (top right of the home page) and leave your e-mail address, or you can complete and return the slip at the bottom of this page. It will all help to save postal costs and keep you in touch with our news.

Soon there will also be the opportunity to post your reviews and feedback of concerts to let us know what you think of programming and performances.

Apology

We know that some of you who took out a subscription to the current concert series by post, and sent a stamped addressed envelope for return of the tickets from Artrix, found you had to pay excess postage as Artrix issue tickets for each concert rather than previously, when we issued only one card for the whole series. We will make sure that next year we check with Artrix about the postage charge so that brochure details are correct.

Financial situation

We are applying for grants to help us with the 50th season coming up next year, but meanwhile we have to show funders that we are serious about self help. Many concert goers have already made generous donations in response to our appeal earlier in the year.. We have also received grants from the Vaughan Williams Trust, Bliss Trust and a substantial anonymous donation for the performance of the Robert Simpson quartet No 7 at the January Concert. To all many thanks.

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PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER.

Financial situation (cont'd)

It would greatly help forward financial planning if you could consider making your donations regular by standing order and gift aid. Forms are available at every concert and will also be on the website soon.

New Treasurer needed

As mentioned at the AGM in June Sarah Franklin has given notice of her resignation from the position of Honorary Treasurer with effect from 30 April 2012. We are therefore looking for a volunteer willing to help the committee in all or part of this role. The Treasurer monitors and manages our finances and helps on the numbers side when we are applying for grants and sponsorships. If you or anyone you know are interested in joining the committee or would like more information on the position, please contact Janet Upward or any committee member.

Volunteers for publicity

Finally, in our efforts to publicise ourselves more widely could you take a few of our brochures to leave in places where you haven't seen them but which you think should have them? Your help in supporting us in this way would be greatly appreciated.

Next concert

We hope you continue to enjoy the concerts this season.

The next concert is on Friday November 18th when the Arael Piano Trio from Slovenia will be playing Beethoven's Archduke piano trio and an interesting selection of other pieces, including Piazzolla and some Slovenian composers.

For any response to this newsletter please e-mail us via the website, contact Janet Upward (0121 709 0597 janet@theupwards.net) or any committee member at the concerts.