

# The Sheffield Chamber Orchestra

## APPLICATION FORM TO BECOME A FRIEND OF THE ORCHESTRA

Like many amateur orchestras the Sheffield Chamber Orchestra relies entirely for its existence on members' subscriptions, ticket sales, **and on the financial support of its Friends organisation**. For over sixty years the Sheffield Chamber Orchestra has contributed to the cultural life of the City, consistently offering exciting, enjoyable programmes of music and actively encouraging new young musical talent. But costs are constantly rising – for instance, hire of rehearsal and concert venues, music hire, soloists' and supplementary players' fees – and Arts Council and other funding has dwindled to almost nothing in recent years. Under these pressures the orchestra, like many others, is finding it increasingly difficult to maintain its existence.

In order to help us maintain our standards of excellence – indeed, to ensure our very continuation – we urgently need more funding and you can help by becoming a **Friend of the Sheffield Chamber Orchestra**. We appreciate there are multiple calls on your resources – but a regular and reliable income helps the Orchestra plan ahead. Please fill in the form below and the Banker's Order form overleaf.

In return for your donation we are pleased to offer the following benefits:

- **A DISCOUNT ON CONCERT TICKETS:** All qualifying Friends will receive a credit-card sized membership card which, on production, will entitle them to a discounted ticket price of **£6** (one discounted ticket per concert per Friend). In addition to reduced ticket prices, Friends will receive
- **a letter and concert programme before each concert**
- **an annual newsletter**  
(All Friends will get the last two items posted or e-mailed, regardless of size of donation)
- **an acknowledgement on each concert programme**

Name ..... Address .....

..... Postcode .....

**I wish to become a Friend of the Sheffield Chamber Orchestra and I can pledge the following sum, payable annually (please circle as applicable):**

**‡£30 ‡£40 £50 £75 £100** My preferred amount of: £ .....

(‡minimum annual donation required to qualify for discounted prices on tickets and other offers: **£30 individual Friend, £40 for two Friends living at the same address**)

**to commence on (insert date).....**

**I will hand the attached Standing Order Form to my bank in order to commence payments.**

Signed .....

### MAKE YOUR GIFT WORTH EVEN MORE WITH GIFT AID

If you are a UK taxpayer, you can make your gifts worth more to the Sheffield Chamber Orchestra by enabling us to claim Gift Aid. This means we can claim back the basic rate income tax you have paid on your gifts – making every £10 worth £2.50 more, but **WITHOUT IT COSTING YOU ANY EXTRA**. Please help us claim much-needed extra funds by ticking the appropriate box below.

\_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ (please insert date) I want the Sheffield Chamber Orchestra to treat as Gift Aid all donations and gifts I make, until I notify you otherwise.

\_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ (please insert date) I am NOT a UK taxpayer and regret I cannot participate.

(Remember that if you receive a company pension, income tax may well be paid at source, and you would therefore qualify.)

**PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE TO:**

Friends of SCO, 17 Whirlow Grove, Sheffield, S11 9NR.

**SEND OR HAND THE OTHER PAGE TO YOUR BANK.**

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Established 1950

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## FRIENDS OF SHEFFIELD CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Please fill in the form below *and hand it or send it to your bank:*

### Standing Order Form

To The Manager, (*your bank*): .....

Bank Address: .....

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..... Postcode: .....

Please debit my account (*Account name*): .....

Account No.: .....

Sort Code: .....

and pay to Barclays Bank Ltd, Sort Code: 20-76-92, Account No. 60554510, for the credit of THE SHEFFIELD CHAMBER ORCHESTRA,

the sum of £ ..... per year

starting on (*date - month/year*) .....

for ..... years or until further notice.

**PLEASE CANCEL ANY PREVIOUS STANDING ORDERS FOR THE CREDIT OF THE SHEFFIELD CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND REPLACE WITH THIS ONE.**

Name: ..... Address: .....

.....Postcode.....

Signed : .....

**Many thanks for your time and generosity.**