

APPLICATION FORM – 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: -

- Special discounted price (£6) for concert tickets (one discounted ticket per concert per Friend)
- Priority booking for our highly popular Winter Gala concert
- Seat reservation at our other concerts (it's free seating for everyone else!)
- An annual Friends' newsletter
- News, updates and reminders of forthcoming concerts sent to you by email during the year.
- 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):

^a£40 ^b£50 £75 £100 My donation of £

(^a Minimum donation for individuals; ^b Minimum donation for two friends living at the same address)

To commence on (insert date).....

I will hand the attached Standing Order Form (page 2) to my bank in order to commence payments.

Signed

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STANDING ORDER FORM

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

To The Manager., (your bank):

Bank Address:

..... 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

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GIFT AID FORM

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

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 £12.50 more, but WITHOUT IT COSTING YOU ANY EXTRA. Please help us claim much-needed extra funds by completing the forms below. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

In order to gift aid your donation you must tick the box below:

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to:

Name of Charity The Sheffield Chamber Orchestra

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Signature:.....

Please notify us if you:

- Want to cancel this declaration
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