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## BECOME A FRIEND AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The support of our Friends makes a real difference: it helps us continue to bring world-class playing to venues across Suffolk as well as work within communities to help combat loneliness, boost well-being and bring people together. Being a Friend will also bring you closer to the music and the musicians.

### WORLD CLASS MUSIC IN SUFFOLK

Suffolk Philharmonic Orchestra was founded in 2012 by Leslie Olive, who remains our Conductor and Artistic Director.

Our players are top musicians. When not performing with Suffolk Philharmonic, many play with world renowned orchestras such as the LSO, the Philharmonia and the Royal Philharmonic. Some are soloists and recording artists, and all are full time professional musicians who create world class music.

We have been thrilled to welcome artists of global standing, such as Julian Lloyd Webber and Kenneth Sillito, who have performed with Suffolk Philharmonic as soloists.

With your support we can continue to bring truly exceptional performances to venues across Suffolk and, on occasion, beyond. Thank you.

## ENCOURAGING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Nothing beats the expression of delight and surprise on the face of a child when they first hear live instrumental music. Bringing music within reach can encourage children and young people to develop what can be a life-long pleasure and passion.

We work with children in primary schools, allowing them to explore musical instruments they may not have seen before, inviting questions and giving them a chance to engage with top professional musicians.

Older children can take part in the projects or workshops that we create jointly with their teachers. We love nothing more than sharing our passion for music with these students. It is a joy to witness their enthusiasm and help develop their self esteem through performance opportunities.

Young people who have exceptional talent, have graduated from music college and are embarking upon their career are encouraged to come and play with our orchestra. This gives them an opportunity to perform with a fully professional orchestra and can be an important step towards expanding their CV and developing their career. We are pleased to work with the Young Classical Artists Trust - a charity of national standing that manages star soloists during the early years of their professional careers.

“ For a musician at the beginning of their career like me, there are few opportunities to perform with an orchestra, especially one of the standard of Suffolk Philharmonic. These opportunities are vital to becoming a well-rounded musician.

*Comments from a young talented soloist*

Wow! You enabled me to get to hear and enjoy your music. At nearly 90 I can't get round to places. ”

*Feedback from a community concert*

## HELPING TO ADDRESS LONELINESS AND ISOLATION

Our community concerts make great music more accessible. They give people who live in rural communities an opportunity to meet others and enjoy an experience far removed from their everyday lives. The effect can be overwhelming. People who didn't think they liked classical music become 'converts' and some who have been housebound meet a new friend. But by far the greatest response comes from those who find a real solace and joy in the music.

These concerts are arranged by us and include refreshments as well as a chance to chat with the musicians. We make sure they are truly accessible by arranging transport for those with mobility issues.

Best of all, these concerts are absolutely free!



## BECOME A FRIEND

Becoming a Friend helps you get closer to the music and gives vital support to SPO. It is only with funding from Friends, private donors, businesses and other supporters that our world-class concerts and work in the community can continue.

No matter what level of Friend you choose, you will be making an important contribution to SPO's work and performances. Friends receive a complimentary programme book and have an opportunity to sit in on concert-day rehearsals. There are special Friends events to which you will be invited\* and you will benefit from priority booking for most concerts. Our occasional newsletter will give you the inside view on what's new and update you on our community projects.

Tickets to Friends events are discounted or free\* for Gold Friends and Conductor's Circle. This level of support also brings an opportunity to meet some of our players and our conductor.



\* Tickets for exclusive Friends events are at extra cost and are discounted or free (depending on the event and level of membership) for Friends and Sponsors. Ticket prices and discounts vary according to event and venue.

## SPONSOR A PLAYER

Sponsor one or more players, either for a single concert or for a series. If you wish, you will be able to meet 'your' player(s) and enjoy a uniquely personal engagement with the orchestra and its music-making. The scheme is flexible: choose to sponsor one player or a group, which could be two flutes, four horns, or six cellos, for example.

Support one player for one concert from £250.

- Meet 'your' player(s)
- An opportunity to attend rehearsals
- Free Friends newsletter
- Invite to an exclusive Friends event \*

## CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

Our corporate sponsorship packages offer an effective way to promote your business. Packages are flexible and can be adapted to meet your business needs. As an example, benefits may include:

- Free advertising space in programme books
- Your company name in programme books
- Link to your site from SPO's own website
- Client hospitality opportunities
- An opportunity to attend rehearsals
- Free or discounted tickets to Friends events \*

## THE SPO100

Our Corporate Friends Scheme - The SPO100 - is a network of up to 100 like-minded organisations that offers promotional and networking opportunities.

For more details about this or any corporate sponsorship packages please contact:  
**[partnerships@suffolkphil.org.uk](mailto:partnerships@suffolkphil.org.uk)**

# BECOME A FRIEND OR SPONSOR

I would like to help support the work of  
Suffolk Philharmonic Orchestra, as follows:

## BRONZE FRIEND

- Single - £36 per year (or £3 per month\*\*)  
 Joint - £48 per year (or £4 per month\*\*)

## SILVER FRIEND

- Single - £96 per year (or £8 per month\*\*)  
 Joint - £120 per year (or £12 per month\*\*)

## GOLD FRIEND

- Single - £300 per year (or £25 per month\*\*)  
 Joint - £360 per year (or £30 per month\*\*)

## THE CONDUCTOR'S CIRCLE

- £1,000 per year (or £80 per month\*\*)

\*\* Monthly payments by Standing Order only.

I intend this amount to be paid as:

- a SINGLE ONE-OFF payment, or  
 an ANNUAL payment, paid once per year

- I would like to make a one-off donation of  
£ (amount)

Please contact me to discuss:

- Sponsoring a player or players  
 Corporate sponsorship opportunities  
 A concert in memory of a loved one  
 Leaving a gift to SPO in my will

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

### How to pay:

- Cheque: (to 'Suffolk Philharmonic Orchestra')  
 Online payment:  
Account name: Suffolk Philharmonic Orchestra  
Sort code: 08-92-99 Account No: 65537440

- Standing Order:  
£ Amount  Annually /  Monthly  
 Until further notice

*Beneficiary details as shown above*

Date of first payment: \_\_\_\_\_

To (name of your bank): \_\_\_\_\_

of (bank address): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Your a/c no: \_\_\_\_\_ Sort code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- If you are a UK taxpayer, please help us by claiming  
Gift Aid and ticking this box.

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. Suffolk Philharmonic is a registered charity No. 1148363.

# FRIENDS

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parts of this form and send to the  
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hand to one of our team.

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