

## Bournemouth Symphony Chorus Benefactors Scheme

### BECOME A BENEFACTOR!

The Bournemouth Symphony Chorus is one of the finest large choirs in the UK, with a growing reputation – throughout the UK and, increasingly, internationally – for producing high quality performances of choral music, ranging from familiar and much-loved works from the traditional repertoire to major modern works, several in recent years commissioned directly by the BSC. Though most of our concerts are performed in Poole and around the south west, we have also in recent years sung concerts in London, Mumbai and Chicago. We made our third recent visit to the Royal Albert Hall in 2019 to sing at Classic FM Live with our own Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. We commissioned a third new work from composer Richard Blackford (our President) called *Pieta*, to which we gave its world premiere in Poole on 22nd June and its London premiere at the Cadogan Hall on 19th October, both under Gavin Carr. These performances earned some outstanding reviews in *The Times* and elsewhere. We sang Brahms Requiem live on Radio 3 in November. In 2020 we are restoring our previous annual tradition of singing one of the Bach Passions before Easter (this time St Matthew on Palm Sunday) and on 22nd February we are mounting a spectacular Charity Gala Concert, "Symphony With The Stars", in the stunning new Arts and Leisure complex, The STEAM Hub, at Talbot Heath School, to raise funds for our Youth Chorus. The Concert stars two of the UK's leading operatic sopranos, Diana Montague and Claire Rutter, with 150 other performers.

This adventurous programme creates a considerable financial burden for the BSC. Though we are a charity, we receive very little direct funding from outside sources and rely mainly on our own fund-raising. We are funded largely by our members' subscriptions, but we are anxious not to make membership of the BSC an unaffordable luxury, to the extent that our numerical strength, and therefore our choral and concert quality, is undermined.

We have recently relaunched a revamped Benefactors programme, where we seek to recruit individuals (or couples) who feel able to commit to making specific and regular (normally annually) contributions to the finances of the Chorus.

We offer three categories of membership:

#### **Silver Membership: £100 p.a.**

Priority booking

Ticket discounts for BSC promoted concerts

Complimentary programmes

Accreditation on the BSC Website

Regular newsletters

A place at the Annual Benefactors Reception

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**Gold Membership      £250 p.a.**

All the above, plus:

Ticket discounts for all concerts in which the BSC performs (as available)  
Accreditation on the BSC website and BSC programmes  
Two best complimentary seats for one Poole concert each year  
Two places at BSC Benefactors Receptions

**Gold Membership (for couples)      £300 p.a.**

All the above, plus:

Four (rather than 2) best complimentary seats for one Poole concert each year  
Four (rather than 2) places at BSC Benefactors Receptions

Might you be willing to help us in this way? It will potentially make a huge difference to our future and will represent an invaluable contribution to the musical life and prestige of our region, of which the BSC has been a vital part for over a century.

An application form can be found on this website: [click here](#).

Please complete the form and post or send it by e-mail to:

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If you would like more information or details on any matters relating to our Benefactors programme, please call or e-mail these numbers.

BSC would be enormously grateful for your support.