

Artistic Director
Julian Perkins

Friends of Cambridge Handel Opera

We love opera, but love alone is not enough!

Cambridge Handel Opera Company aims to put Baroque opera back on the Cambridge map, but producing opera well is expensive. In order to mount each professional production of a Handel opera we need to raise around £75,000. By joining the Friends of Cambridge Handel Opera Company, you can help support the company and in return receive benefits such as advance booking or opportunities to be involved with the creative process. We offer a number of levels of membership with a range of benefits. Because we are a charity, UK taxpayers can add 25% to all donations at no cost to themselves simply by completing the Gift Aid declaration.

Page turners — £30–59 a year

- Advance bookings for opera performances.

Copyists — £60–149 a year

- Priority bookings for opera performances.
- Optional acknowledgements on all programmes and CHOC's website.

Librettists — £150–499 a year

- Enhanced priority bookings for opera performances.
- Invitation to attend dress rehearsals.
- Optional acknowledgements on all programmes and CHOC's website.

Amanuenses — £500+ a year

- Highest priority bookings for opera performances.
- Invitation to attend dress rehearsals.
- Four tickets to a post-performance party.
- Optional acknowledgements on all programmes and CHOC's website.

Bounteous Heart — significant donations

In addition to the above, donors who are able to make a more significant donation to our future can discuss bespoke ways in which they would like to become involved in our projects. If you would like to discuss making a more significant donation, please contact us to discuss opportunities for closer involvement with the company, which could include:

- Attend rehearsals and meet the performers and production team.
- Have a hand in designing the programme.
- Enjoy a private house concert with Julian Perkins and other performers.
- Choose to whom a staged opera production is dedicated.
- Ask Julian Perkins to compose an aria in the style of Handel specially for them or a loved one.

Endless Pleasure – legacies

Please consider remembering Cambridge Handel Opera Company in your Will. There is a significant tax benefit in donating funds in this way.

To join the Friends of Cambridge Handel Opera Company, please complete and return the attached form.

After joining, please notify Cambridge Handel Opera Company if you:

- want to upgrade or cancel your membership or gift aid declaration,
- change your home address, or
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains for Gift Aid to be claimed.

You can contact us by post at:

Cambridge Handel Opera Company
3 Summerfield
Cambridge
CB3 9HE

Or by email to: contact@cambridgehandel.org.uk

The membership application and Gift Aid form are included on the next page.

DATA PROTECTION

CHOC will store the contact details you give us, for as long as you choose to support us, in an encrypted file in which we also record the donations you have made. We will retain this information on the basis of our legitimate interest in promoting the appreciation of baroque music, the purpose for which CHOC was established as a charity. Without the support that Friends provide, we would not be able to mount productions and to continue our educational work.

We will use your contact details in order to be able to write to you about forthcoming productions, concerts, recitals and study days, and about our education projects. Our bulletins on these topics also record the names of CHOC's trustees, those who work with us, and members of our Friends Scheme other than those who have asked to remain anonymous. We may also write to you to invite further financial support. We will use the details regarding your support in the past in order to provide a rough guide to the sums we might be able to raise from supporters in the future, and to distinguish those friends to whom we are especially indebted.

The only circumstances in which we may disclose your contact details are where we are under a duty to do so in order to comply with a legal requirement or are obliged to do so in order to enforce a legal right, and where we run an event in partnership with another organisation and it is necessary to share your details in order that they can help us to run the event.

You have the right to ask for a copy of the information that we hold about you, to correct any inaccuracies in this information or ask us to delete it. If you would like to have a copy of this information, please email contact@cambridgehandel.org.uk or write to Cambridge Handel Opera Company at 3 Summerfield, Cambridge CB3 9HE. If you find any inaccuracies in this information, we will correct them immediately. If you ask us to delete your records, we will destroy all of the information that we hold concerning you.

You are entitled to complain to the Information Commissioner about CHOC's use of your data if you consider that this infringes the law relating to data protection. You can contact the Information Commissioner's Office by telephone on 0303-123-1113, or by using the live chat service which is available through the Information Commissioner's website www.ico.org.uk.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND GIFT AID DECLARATION FORM

Title _____ First name or initial(s) _____

Surname _____

Full home address _____

Postcode _____ Date _____

Email _____

I would like to join the Friends of Cambridge Handel Opera Company at this level (please tick):

 Page Turner Copyist Librettist Amanuensis Bounteous HeartDonating £ _____ Annually (until cancelled) Once only

Because we are a charity, donations from UK taxpayers are eligible for Gift Aid, which can increase the value of your donation to CHOC by 25%. To allow us to claim this extra contribution from HMRC, you must tick the box below. Gift Aid will be reclaimed by Cambridge Handel Opera Company from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your home address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

I want to Gift Aid my donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to Cambridge Handel Opera Company. 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.

If you pay income tax and the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your self-assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Please return this form, with your cheque if paying by that method, to:

Cambridge Handel Opera Company, 3 Summerfield, Cambridge CB3 9HE.

Annual membership is most easily paid by setting up a standing order with your bank to pay your donation once per year to our bank account at the Co-operative Bank: account name: CHOC R/C 1166000; sort code: 08-92-99; account number: 65807963. Please give your name as the reference if making a one-off electronic payment or standing order. Cheques should be made payable to Cambridge Handel Opera Company.

CHOC would like to acknowledge the contribution made by our friends by publishing a list of supporters. If you would prefer not to have your name included in this list, please tick below.

I prefer to remain anonymous and not have my name included in the published list of CHOC supporters.