



BURY COURT OPERA

*"I have seen many country-house
operas recently but this, by a long way,
topped the lot" – John Amis*

Become our Friend...

*... and join us in supporting
outstanding young talent!*

- **Bury Court Opera** was founded in 2007 by John Coke and Suzanne Lemieux.
- **BCO** is dedicated to providing a springboard for professional Young Artists, Directors and Production Teams in the early stages of their careers.
- **BCO** is a registered charity and is dependent on ticket sales and private sponsorship for its income.

“Thank you for the opportunity that you have given me. It has been a life changing experience and venture, it has also opened my eyes to what my future life could bestow...” – Chorus member (Eugene Onegin, 2013)

- **BCO** works closely with the leading orchestral academy Southbank Sinfonia whose aims and values we share.
- **BCO** generally produces one opera a year and is becoming known for the quality of both its casts and directors.
- **BCO** has been praised by audiences and critics alike for its imaginative repertoire and for the intimacy and high standard of its productions.

“I was totally absorbed by your production – just sucked into it – to me it was perfect” – Audience member (Rigoletto, 2011)

Becoming a **Friend** will enable you to have a close association with the young people who perform, direct and design our annual productions.

“It is very hard to start a career in this world of music, but you trusted me and gave me the opportunity to start as a soloist” – Flore Philis (The FairyQueen, 2014)

We hope you feel that supporting **Bury Court Opera** and becoming a part of its evolving story will be a truly enjoyable experience...

Ticket sales cover barely half our costs and as a **Friend** you will be supporting our singers and orchestral players and contributing to the ongoing success of **Bury Court Opera**. In return we will offer the following benefits:

ENSEMBLE FRIEND

£5 per month (£60 per annum)

- A place on our advance mailing list
 - Priority booking for all Bury Court Opera events 2 weeks prior to the opening of public booking
 - Acknowledgment in the programme
 - Invitation to annual Friends event
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ARIA FRIEND

£15 per month (£180 per annum)

- A place on our advance mailing list
 - Priority booking for all Bury Court Opera events 4 weeks prior to the opening of public booking
 - Acknowledgment in the programme
 - Invitation to annual Friends event
 - Invitation to reception with cast and company
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MAJOR SPONSOR

From £500 per annum

Enjoy a truly individual association with BCO by sponsoring a named artist. With a minimum annual donation of £500, sponsors will receive:

- A place on our advance mailing list
 - Priority booking for all Bury Court Opera events 6 weeks prior to the opening of public booking
 - Acknowledgment in the programme
 - Invitation to annual Friends event
 - Invitation to reception with cast and company
 - Invitation to behind the scenes activities such as auditions and rehearsals
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“In all respects... an evening of pure rapture.” – The Arts Desk (The Fairy Queen, 2014)

JOINING OUR FRIENDS

I would like to join the Friends of Bury Court Opera at the following level:

- Ensemble Friend** £5 per month £15 per quarter £60 per year
Aria Friend £15 per month £45 per quarter £180 per year

I would like to become/remain a **Major Sponsor** (minimum donation £500)
If you would like to discuss your contribution please contact us on 01420 22109
 £500 £1000 £1500 Other £

- I would like to pay by Standing Order (please fill in form overleaf)
 I enclose a cheque made payable to Bury Court Opera

Your Details:

Title: Forename(s):
Surname:
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Thanks to the Gift Aid Scheme, we can reclaim tax on your donation from the Government. For every £1 given, we can claim an extra 25 pence of tax from the HM Revenue and Customs. For example, a donation of £100 becomes £125 with Gift Aid, at no extra cost to you.



- Yes, please treat the enclosed donation and all future gifts of money that I make from the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations.**

Signature:Date:

To be eligible for Gift Aid you must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April one year to 5 April the next) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that you donate to will reclaim on your gifts that tax year. Other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. Charities will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that you give. Please remember to notify us if at any time you want to cancel this declaration, change your name or address or no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

STANDING ORDER

Please complete this section in full and in block capitals

Bank / Building Society:

Branch Address:

..... Postcode:

Sort Code:

Account Name:

Account Number:

INSTRUCTION TO YOUR BANK/BUILDING SOCIETY

**Please pay Bury Court Opera, NatWest Bank, Basingstoke, Old Market Square
Account Number: 71963022, Sort Code: 60-02-49**

£..... per month quarter year until further notice

Starting from:

Signature: Date:

(PLEASE NOTE: THIS CANCELS ANY PREVIOUS STANDING ORDER TO BURY COURT OPERA)

Please return completed form to:

Bury Court Opera, Bury Court, Bentley, Farnham, Surrey, GU10 5LY

Thank you for supporting Bury Court Opera

(Registered Charity No: 1153981)

"Companies like Bury Court are greatly needed because they give young artists the opportunity to start their careers." – Nicholas Darmanin (Prince Ramiro - La Cenerentola, 2012)

Bury Court Opera aims to produce high quality opera championing young talent. Past productions have included:

2010 - *Dido & Aeneas*,
2011 - *Rigoletto*, 2012 - *La Cenerentola*,
2013 - *Eugene Onegin* and
Pelléas et Mélisande,
2014 - *The Fairy Queen* and
The Lottery,
2015 - *The Rake's Progress*

These productions have consistently met with enthusiastic support from audiences and critics alike.

"Bury Court Opera, whose repertoire goes imaginatively beyond the usual country-opera fare" – Robert Thicknesse, Opera Now (The Lottery, 2014)

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