



BURY COURT OPERA

*"The enterprise, flair and innovation of this
charming venue ... knows no bounds."
– Roderic Dunnett*



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, and many are now beginning to enjoy national and international careers.
- **BCO** is a registered charity and is dependent on ticket sales and private sponsorship for its income.

“Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity to make my Cleopatra debut at Bury Court Opera, I will always remember it.” – Marie Lys (Giulio Cesare, 2018)

- **BCO** produces at least one fully staged opera a year and is known for attracting top quality young singers, directors and designers.
- **BCO** has consistently garnered critical acclaim for its imaginative repertoire and for the intimacy and high standards of its productions.

“As a critic it is rare to get carried away by the sheer joy and exuberance of a production but this production of Giulio Cesare was one of those rare and special evenings.” – Owen Davies (Giulio Cesare, 2018)

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

“What can I say but THANK YOU ... I had an absolute ball being your Achilla and loved every minute of the production process. You’ve got a very special company with Bury Court, working on a small scale but with total professionalism and at such a high level!” – David Ireland (Giulio Cesare, 2018)

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

£90 per annum (£8.00 per month)

- A place on our advance mailing list
- Priority booking for up to six people 3 weeks prior to the opening of public booking
- Acknowledgment in the programme
- Invitation to annual Friends event

ARIA FRIEND

£180 per annum (£15 per month)

- A place on our advance mailing list
- Priority booking for up to 12 people 5 weeks prior to the opening of public booking
- Acknowledgment in the programme
- Invitation to annual Friends event

ARIA FRIEND JOINT MEMBERSHIP: covers two people

£330 per annum (£27.50 per month)

MAJOR SPONSOR

From £500 per annum

Enjoy a truly individual association with BCO!

- All of the above and in addition:
- Priority booking (up to 16 seats) 8 weeks prior to the opening of public booking
- Invitation to reception with cast and company prior to the season opening
- Invitation to behind the scenes activities and other exclusive events during the year

PATRON

From £3,500 per annum

Our patrons, working closely with John Coke and Suzanne Lemieux, make an invaluable contribution to our annual productions, whether, through gifts in kind, fundraising, support for a particular production or mentoring of a Young Artist.

“Tremendously enjoyable and accomplished...what a delightful experience...”
– Rupert Christiansen (Mad King Suibhne, 2017)

"Being a young director is not always an easy career path and it is so essential yet extremely rare to encounter safe and nurturing places to be creative... Bury Court really is very unusual ..."

– Julia Burbach (Director, *The Fairy Queen*, 2014 / *Madama Butterfly*, 2016)

Bury Court Opera aims to produce high quality opera championing young talent.

Past productions have included :

2018 – *Giulio Cesare*,
2017 – *Così fan tutte* and *Mad King Suibhne*,
2016 – *Madama Butterfly*,
2015 – *The Rake's Progress*,
2014 – *The Fairy Queen* and *The Lottery*,
2013 – *Eugene Onegin* and
Pelléas et Mélisande,
2012 – *La Cenerentola*,
2011 – *Rigoletto*,
2010 – *Dido & Aeneas*.

These productions have consistently met with critical acclaim.

"Bury Court Opera ... staging great opera to exacting standards ... it's a cracker."

– Mark Valencia, WhatsOnStage 2018
(*Giulio Cesare*)

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STANDING ORDER

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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 (delete as appropriate) 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)

JOINING OUR FRIENDS

I would like to join/remain a member of the Friends of Bury Court Opera at the following level: *(Please note that we like to keep in contact with you from time to time about forthcoming events and progress of Young Artists via email as well as Post.)*

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| Major Sponsor | <input type="checkbox"/> £500 per year | <input type="checkbox"/> £1000 per year | <input type="checkbox"/> £2000 per year |
| Aria Friend | <input type="checkbox"/> £180 per year | <input type="checkbox"/> £45 per quarter | <input type="checkbox"/> £15.00 per month |
| Aria Friend Joint | <input type="checkbox"/> £330 per year | <input type="checkbox"/> £82.50 per quarter | <input type="checkbox"/> £27.50 per month |
| Ensemble Friend | <input type="checkbox"/> £90 per year | <input type="checkbox"/> £23 per quarter | <input type="checkbox"/> £8.00 per month |

I would like to become a Patron of Bury Court Opera £3,500 per annum (minimum).
If you would like to discuss your contribution, please contact us on 01420 520333

- 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:

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Thanks to the Gift Aid Scheme, we can reclaim tax on your donation. For every £1 given, we can claim an extra 25 pence of tax from HM Revenue & Customs. This boosts your donation at no extra cost to you and makes a great difference to us! (eg a gift of £100 becomes £125 with Gift Aid).

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must, please, tick the box below and sign at the bottom.

- Yes, I want to Gift Aid my donation and any donation I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to Bury Court Opera. 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.**

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