

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 are making a return visit to the Royal Albert Hall in 2017 to sing at ClassicFM live with our own Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. We have begun preparations for a new opera, Half the Sky, dealing with the career of Madame Mao, during and after the Cultural Revolution and composed by our President, Richard Blackford. The work is expected to have its premiere in San Francisco or Hong Kong in 2018.

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 re-launched 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.

Includes priority booking, discounts on tickets for BSC promoted concerts, complimentary concert programmes, regular newsletters.

Gold Membership: £250.00 p.a.

Includes priority booking, discounts on all concerts at which the BSC performs, complimentary concert programmes, newsletters, accreditation on the BSC website and in BSC programmes, two best complimentary seats for one concert each year (subject to availability) and two places at the Annual Benefactors reception.

Gold Membership (couples): £300 p.a.

As above, but with four complimentary seats and four places at the Annual Benefactors Reception.

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 (search: Benefactors Application Form).

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

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Fund-raising and Sponsorship Manager

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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.