

# Programme for 2022

12 <sup>h</sup> February	'In-House' talk and lunch at Itchen Abbas Village Hall	Eric Gautron on 'The Glyndebourne Stage Scenery & Lighting major upgrade'	Eric Gautron, Technical Director at Glyndebourne, will provide insights into the whole world of 'backstage' - the management of scenery, and all the other things that provide the dramatic experience when watching an opera.
26 <sup>th</sup> March	AGM, followed by 'In-House' talk and lunch at Itchen Abbas Village Hall	David Montague Rendall on 'My life in opera'	David Montague Rendall, one of the most prominent British tenors of his generation will resume the story of his distinguished career where he left off on his last visit.
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Wessex Award Recital At Itchen Abbas Village Hall	Jack Sandison (baritone)	Jack will give a recital of arias and other songs, preceded by fizz and canapés, at Itchen Abbas Village Hall.
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Glyndebourne at Beaulieu Concert	A quartet of singers and accompanist from the Glyndebourne Festival	The ever-popular summer 'opera pops' at Beaulieu Abbey Church in collaboration with Music at Beaulieu.
24 <sup>th</sup> September	'In-House' talk and lunch at Itchen Abbas Village Hall	Alexandra Coghlan on 'Glyndebourne Festival 2023 preview'	Alexandra is a well-known operatic journalist and reviewer, who also provides insights into Glyndebourne productions on their website.
October	Ballot for Glyndebourne Festival tickets	Entry forms included with the October <i>Update</i> .	24 tickets available to the Association
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Visit GoT at Glyndebourne	Mozart's <i>Marriage of Figaro</i>	A coach will be available, and lunch is provided at Glyndebourne.
19 <sup>th</sup> November	'In-House' talk and lunch at Itchen Abbas Village Hall	David Cowan on 'Opera North & other places I've worked'	David is Head of Music at Opera North, and before that had a number of roles in Austria, Germany, France and Switzerland

I enclose my cheque for £20.00 payable to the Wessex Glyndebourne Association being a subscription to the association for myself and my household for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. I agree clearance of my cheque will be a sufficient receipt. I hereby consent to Wessex Glyndebourne Association holding my personal details in connection with my membership. I understand that I can withdraw my consent at any time, but recognise that this would effectively cause my membership to lapse.

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Please send to:-  
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# W e s s e x   G L Y N D E B O U R N E   A s s o c i a t i o n

Established in 1985 by a group of opera enthusiasts, the association seeks to provide financial support for the Glyndebourne opera companies and, in particular, '*Glyndebourne on Tour*'. We are a Corporate member of the Glyndebourne Festival Society and receive a priority allocation of twenty-four tickets for the Festival Opera season. Wessex Glyndebourne Association members are able to enter an annual ballot for a pair of these tickets.

## **Glyndebourne on Tour**

Our members support the '*Glyndebourne on Tour*' (GoT) company by joining the audiences at Glyndebourne and other theatres in the Southeast. An annual donation is made out of income from events and subscriptions.

## **Friends of Glyndebourne**

Glyndebourne recognises our Association by treating our members, as far as mailings and bookings are concerned, as '*Friends of Glyndebourne on Tour*'.

## **The Wessex Award**

Singers often have a difficult time in the early stages of their career. In 1997 we established an annual award to support deserving young singers from the GoT chorus. This money allows them to pay for extra lessons, scores, language classes, travel and other necessities. We take pleasure in following the development of their careers.

## **Our activities**

A number of '*In-House*' events are arranged at midday on certain Saturdays, usually in the Winchester area, when performers, composers, choreographers, designers, répétiteurs, wig

makers and so on give a short talk which is followed by a light lunch. Recent speakers have included Gus Christie and Susan Bickley.

We visit Glyndebourne in the autumn to hear one of the GoT productions before the tour starts. On this occasion we lunch at Glyndebourne and are sometimes able to take a back-stage tour.

We also buy, when scheduled, a block of tickets for a GoT performance at Woking and round off our evening with a reception to which members of the company are invited. A coach is arranged for both these visits.

In order to support our Wessex Award winners we arrange a recital each year at a pleasant venue, followed by supper.

In collaboration with the *Music at Beaulieu Trust* we arrange an annual concert at Beaulieu Abbey Church where four young singers from Glyndebourne give us a wonderful evening of opera.

## **'Update'**

Our newsletter '*Update*' is published several times a year providing details of dates and events including booking forms. '*Update*' will be forwarded by email whenever possible so please do put your email address on the Booking Form.

## **How to join us**

The annual subscription for a household, renewable on 1st January, is £20.00. Initial subscriptions, paid after 1st July, are valid until the end of the following year. If you wish to join, please complete the attached form and send it to our Membership Secretary.

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