

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 an 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.

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 Dame Ann Murray and Jonathan Kent.

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 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 GoT visits, provided sufficient members wish to use it.

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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