

Norfolk Symphony Orchestra

Friends' Scheme 2009-2010

It seems too good to be true - a minimum annual subscription of only £15 and a wealth of benefits, far outweighing the cost! How is it possible? Is it another piece of NSO magic like the free programmes? It certainly is an excellent deal for the Friends of the Norfolk Symphony Orchestra - advance booking, reductions on tickets, regular newsletters and two free tickets for the exclusive Friends' Concert and Reception. But, of course, it is not a one-sided scheme and the orchestra gains tremendously from having such a large and enthusiastic supporters' club. Not only has the growth of the Friends' Scheme helped to give the NSO a strong financial base, but it has also encouraged the orchestra by showing a clear demand for its Sunday Symphony Series, with NSO Friends buying the majority of tickets for each event. The scheme is administered in the most friendly manner by Phillida Smith, herself a Trustee of the Norfolk Symphony Orchestra. With an individual subscription of only £15 (minimum) per year, it has proved so successful that careful monitoring of membership numbers is in place to ensure ticket availability for all. Although it is not possible for NSO Friends to 'Gift Aid' their subscriptions because of the benefits received, many members of the scheme do give donations over and above the minimum and the additional amount can be counted as Gift Aid, enabling the orchestra to reclaim money from the Inland Revenue. If you are not yet a member of the scheme, do carefully consider all that you would gain from being a Friend and use the form below if you decide to apply for membership. Please contact Phillida Smith, the NSO Friends' Secretary, on 01553 772544 or email friends@nso-uk.co.uk if you would like any further details.

NSO Friends' Scheme Application Form 2009-2010

I would like to become a Friend of the NSO and I enclose a cheque for £ _____ (£15 minimum), payable to Norfolk Symphony Orchestra.

Gift Aid (The Norfolk Symphony Orchestra is a registered Charity, No. 263422)

Any amount over the £15 minimum can be treated as a Gift Aid donation if you are a UK taxpayer. Please tick the box below if you are sending more than £15, are a UK taxpayer and would like to Gift Aid your donation. To qualify for Gift Aid, the total income tax and/or capital gains tax you pay must at least equal the amount the NSO will claim back from the Inland Revenue.

I would like any donation included here over and above the minimum Friends' subscription to be treated as a Gift Aid donation. I confirm that I will pay income tax and/or CGT of at least the amount the NSO will claim this tax year.

I consent to my name and address being kept on a computer for mailing and membership purposes and also to my name being included in the lists in the Orchestra's programme and other promotional material.

Please tick this box if you are happy to receive NSO information by email.

Title, initials and surname _____ Please write the name of one person as you would like it in any listing.

Address _____

_____ Email address _____

Telephone _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Please send to the NSO Friends' Secretary Mrs P. Smith 97 London Road King's Lynn Norfolk Pe30 5EX