



HASTINGS MUSICAL FESTIVAL NEWS

Newsletter for Friends/Volunteers of Hastings Musical Festival

Hastings 2024 Music Festival - Venue

No doubt you have all heard about the issues regarding The White Rock Theatre! We have found three other venues for 2024 in case we have to relocate but have heard that we should have more information regarding the venue by the end of September. We really hope to be in the theatre but if not we will be holding most of the festival at Horntye, with Speech & Drama in Henry Ward Hall (this used to be OPUS). There is also the possibility of holding Choirs Day and School Instrumental First Access at King's opposite the Conquest Hospital. We have been in contact with Andy Batsford at Hastings Borough Council and the organisers of the bid process and will let you know as soon as we hear anything definite.

Committee Changes:

We have said a sad goodbye to committee members Pauline Ash, Gillian Muhlemann, Heather Spence and Jo Stead-Burgess. Gillian and Heather will be with us as volunteers at the festival in 2024. Vicki Milford has stood down as dance secretary but is still an active committee member and has been busy proof-reading each section syllabus ready for publication on September 1st. Charlotte Collyer is in full swing now as our management committee chair and we have new members Jo Adams – dance, Donna Barton – singing and Lisa Cole as volunteers co-ordinator. Ann Hohenkerk has moved over from singing to become our instrumental secretary.

100 Club

The 100 Club is vital to the Festival and we still need more 100 Club members. If you can spare £2 a month you can buy a ticket, help the Festival and be in with a chance to win £50 each month. Please contact Deirdre if you could help us in this way – we need around 15 more members to complete our numbers. You can always buy a couple of numbers and pay monthly direct by BACS. If you have not renewed your 100 Club this year please contact Deirdre on dgoodger46@gmail.com

Volunteers

Volunteers are essential, so important for our festival. I hope you will all come along next year and volunteer for us again. Lisa will be in contact with volunteers but if you wish to contact her the email is steve.lisa@aol.co.uk

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Hastings History Project

We are working with project co-ordinator Lucy Bailey on the Hastings Musical Festival History Project, including an exhibition at Hastings Museum next Spring in conjunction with Museum curator Alice Roberts-Pratt January/February 2024. Apart from housing the actual exhibition the museum is going to provide us with a dedicated portal on their website where we will be uploading old programmes, pictures, information and stories regarding the festival over the years. The History project will also involve contacting alumni and showcasing the festival's legacy. Lucy would like to send emails to you asking if you have any items or articles you would like to share and also if you would like to be interviewed for the project. We have a film being produce by Hastings students which will be shown at the exhibition and linked to our website when completed. Please feel free to contact Lucy direct on lucybaileycreative@outlook.com

Hastings Music Heritage Hub

We were asked to partner with His Place Church who had managed to attract funding for a music heritage hub website. If you would like to see some of the resources that were uploaded you can find the site here: <https://www.hastingsmusicheritage.org.uk/> You can also add your own resources onto this site. The hub looks at the history of music in Hastings up until around the 1960s. There is some interesting reading there along with some oral histories and this also gives you an insight into the sort of things that will be on the Hastings Museum website and they will be linked together.

Hastings Rotary Young Musician of the Year

We will be holding this event on the evening of November 19th 2023 at Henry Ward Hall. It will be a fabulous evening with 12 very talented singers and instrumentalists. There will be two winners who will move on to the district heat on 23rd/24th March 2024 and the winners of that heat will go on to the national final on 20/21 April. We would love to have a good audience for this event and so if you are able to come please watch our facebook page, website or His place website for ticket availability. Tickets will be £10 for adults and free for under 18s.



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