

## Thaxted Music Lovers

For the 2016 season onwards, we are revising the ways in which you can support Thaxted Festival. We hope that this will make the levels of support, and their related benefits, clear and easy to understand. The Festival can only continue with the generous involvement of all our many supporters, for which we are always extremely grateful. In this scheme we want to recognise that everyone who supports us financially is a 'Thaxted Music Lover'. The following benefits and prices apply to individual membership at each level.

| <b>Thaxted Music Lovers</b>               | <b>Bronze level</b><br><i>(Previously: Subscribers)</i>  | <b>Silver level</b><br><i>(Previously: Subscribers with Thaxted Music Lovers)</i>              | <b>Gold level</b><br><i>(Previously: Benefactor Circle)</i>                                    |
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| <b>Priority booking<sup>1</sup></b>       | Ticket orders processed two weeks ahead of public booking.<br><i>(From 14 March 2016.)</i>   | Ticket orders processed four weeks ahead of public booking.<br><i>(From 29 February 2016.)</i> | Ticket orders processed five weeks ahead of public booking.<br><i>(From 22 February 2016.)</i> |
| <b>Post-concert reception<sup>2</sup></b> |  | Two free tickets to one of two post-concert receptions.  | Two free tickets to one of two post-concert receptions.  |
| <b>Launch Reception<sup>3</sup></b>       | Thaxted Music Lovers at all levels may, exclusively, purchase tickets for themselves and their guests for the Launch Reception of the 2016 season. |  |  |
| <b>Programmes</b>                         |  |  | Complimentary programme for the full season mailed to home address.                            |
| <b>Private luncheon</b>                   |  |  | Invitation to an exclusive Thaxted Music Lovers Gold Supporters' luncheon.                     |
| <b>Acknowledgement</b>                    | Names of all individuals who are members of Thaxted Music Lovers at all levels will be listed in the souvenir Centenary Programme.                 |  |  |
| <b>Individual membership</b>              | <b>£20</b>   | <b>£75</b>   | <b>£300</b>  |
| <b>Dual membership</b>                    | <b>£40</b>   | <b>£150</b>  | <b>£600</b>  |

You may join as a member at any of the three levels. (E.g. to be a Silver member you do not need also to be a Bronze member. To be a Gold member you do not need also to be a Bronze and Silver member.) The names of Thaxted Music Lovers at all levels will be printed in the Souvenir Centenary Festival programme.

1. General booking opens on Tuesday 29 March 2016. Thaxted Music Lovers at all levels will be mailed the 2016 season brochure on release in mid-February. You may submit your ticket order form as soon as you have studied the season details and decided on your choices. Ticket orders will then be processed strictly by level according to the opening dates in the table. You do not therefore have to wait for your level of booking to open before submitting your order.

2. There will be receptions after two concerts directly supported by Thaxted Music Lovers Silver and Gold levels, in a venue close to Thaxted Church. These provide a relaxed end to the evening, with light refreshments, and usually offer the chance to meet some of the performers informally (subject to schedules). Thaxted Music Lovers Silver and Gold members are entitled to two places at one of the events.

3. A Launch Reception, open *only* to Thaxted Music Lovers at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels and their guests, will take place on Sunday 7 February 2016 in Bolford Street Hall at 3.00pm. This is a relaxed social occasion when the programme for the season is presented in detail, followed by a private performance by leading musicians, and wine and light refreshments are served. Tickets will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to the capacity of the venue. Please place your order on the form together with your membership choice.

# How to join Thaxted Music Lovers

Please complete this form and send it with a cheque for your total amount, or with your credit card details, to: Thaxted Festival, 10 Watling Street, Thaxted, Essex CM6 2PE. Please make cheques out to Thaxted Festival. We will send you confirmation that you have been enrolled in the scheme.

**I/We wish to join Thaxted Music Lovers at the following level:**

|   | Please tick single or dual membership at <u>one level only</u> : |                          | Price | Please insert the amount you will pay, and any donation you wish to make: | Office use |
|---|--|--------------------------|-------|---|------------|
| Bronze level  | Single membership  | <input type="checkbox"/> | £20   |   |            |
|   | Dual membership  | <input type="checkbox"/> | £40   |   |            |
| Silver level  | Single membership  | <input type="checkbox"/> | £75   |   |            |
|   | Dual membership  | <input type="checkbox"/> | £150  |   |            |
| Gold level  | Single membership  | <input type="checkbox"/> | £300  |   |            |
|   | Dual membership  | <input type="checkbox"/> | £600  |   |            |
| Number of Launch Reception tickets <input type="text"/> at £15 each. Total: |  |                          |       |   |            |
| Donation (optional):  |  |                          |       | £   |            |
| Total to pay:   |  |                          |       | £   |            |

Surname:

Title:  First name:

Address:

Postcode:  Telephone:

Email:

Please tick here if you are eligible for Gift Aid:

**Gift Aid:** All Thaxted Music Lovers payments are eligible for Gift Aid and treated as donations if you are a UK taxpayer. Please complete the form on page 3 if you are able to apply Gift Aid. (Launch Reception tickets do not qualify for Gift Aid, but we will make the adjustment necessary in our returns to HMRC.)

Signature:

Date:

Name of second member, if you are joining as dual members:

Names as you would like them to appear in the programme:

## PAYMENT

I enclose a cheque for the above amount, payable to Thaxted Festival: (please tick if so)

OR: Please charge my Visa/Mastercard number:

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Expiry Date:  /  . Issue number (if applicable):

Signature if paying by credit/debit card:

## SPONSORSHIP

Thaxted Festival welcomes sponsorship of concerts by individuals, companies and organisations. For further details of how you might sponsor events and activities, and the benefits we can offer, please tick here, or email: [thaxtedfestival@btconnect.com](mailto:thaxtedfestival@btconnect.com).

## Gift Aid

All membership payments to Thaxted Music Lovers can be treated as donations which are eligible for Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer. For every £1 spent on membership of this scheme, Thaxted Festival will receive an additional 25p from HM Revenue and Customs. Please complete this form if you are able to Gift Aid your membership. (Higher rate taxpayers may claim additional relief when completing their tax returns.)

*You may have previously completed a Gift Aid form for Thaxted Festival Foundation, but we are asking all members of the new Thaxted Music Lovers scheme for 2016 onwards to complete the new form below, which is in the current format required by HMRC. Thank you.*

### Gift Aid declaration - multiple donation

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

Name of Charity: Thaxted Festival Foundation

*In order to Gift Aid your donation you must enter below the amount of your membership and any donation payment and tick the box on the right. (Please exclude any amount you may be paying for the Launch Reception tickets, which are not eligible for Gift Aid.)*

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| I want to Gift Aid my donation of £ _____ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to Thaxted Festival Foundation. |  |
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I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

#### My details:

Title                      First name or initial(s)

Surname

Full home address:

Postcode:

#### **Please notify the charity if you:**

- *Want to cancel this declaration*
- *Change your name or home address*
- *No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.*

*If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.*

**Please return this completed Gift Aid Declaration together with your membership form and payment for Thaxted Music Lovers, and any ticket orders you require for the Launch Reception (Page 2) to:**

**Thaxted Festival, 10 Watling Street, Thaxted, Essex CM6 2PE**