

FRIENDS OF THE OLD GRANARY STUDIO CONCERTS TRUST
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CHRISTMAS 2010 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

The widely varied 2010 Season at the Old Granary has been much enjoyed by record numbers, culminating in a memorable performance by our patron, Piers Lane, last week. The fund-raising efforts of Friends enabled the Trust to support five concerts during the Season. Again, I thank you for your very generous support – with special thanks to those who also gave much time and help with running the various events.

The Summer Gala was held on an even balmy July evening than last year. It was in the middle of our heat wave, but that did not deter our enjoyment of Katie Clarke's very lively recital. Again the champagne, delicious canapés, conviviality, and Katie's delightful gown, made a memorable evening.

The Trustees are looking forward to the 8th **Christmas Concert on Monday, 13th December at 7pm** (not to be confused with the Rick Wakeman concert on 3rd December which is part of the Old Granary programme series for 2010). The Friend's Christmas Concert will take the same form as in previous years, with a seasonally themed concert during the first half, and a supper interval followed by Carols with many pianos. Again there will be a raffle of signed CDs donated by artists who have appeared at the Old Granary. An application form for the Christmas Concert is attached. **Please** book early as this is always a very popular fund-raising event. As usual, there will be an extra charge for your guests who are not registered Friends. This year we are requesting applications for tickets by the **30th November** in order to ease catering arrangements, but a waiting list will be kept in case of cancellations.

BEFORE the Christmas Concert, the Trustees are introducing a new fund raising event which will ease your Christmas shopping dilemmas. We will be holding an Art Exhibition of *Paintings, Furniture, Ceramics and Artistic Woodturning* in the Long Room Gallery Barn, at Haddiscoe Hall, on the weekend of 27th - 28th November from 11am to 3pm, with the Preview Day on **the 27th November**. So do please put this in your diary and bring your friends. Light refreshments will be served on both days. Most of the exhibits will be the work of Friends (we have a number of very talented Friends) and the commission from all sales will go to the Trust.

2011 is the Tenth Anniversary of the Old Granary Studio. Special concerts and celebrations will be held during the year and you will be notified of these early in the New Year. In the meantime, if you have any special memories of artists whose performances you have particularly enjoyed in the past and would like to see back again for this celebration, please do let either Jill or Andrew know.

The Friends will be holding a special Summer Gala, but more news of this anon.

Another concert not-to-be-missed takes place on **5th March: a concert with the Academy of St Thomas** at St Andrews Hall Norwich, which includes Mozart's Cassation, Violin

Concerto in D (with Norwich born Hannah Perowne), and Bassoon Concerto (with Selim Aykal) and Haydn Symphony 22. This is at 7.30pm.

We hope that you will all continue to be Friends in 2011 and that you can persuade others to join us. In the meantime, we will see you at the Christmas concert. The Trustees send their very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, and look forward to seeing you during the 2011 special events.

Yours sincerely,

Rosemary de Vere

Chairman of the Board of Trustees

P.S. For those of you who do not pay your subscription by standing order, we have also attached a 2011 subscription form.