

## THE MUSIC WE MAKE

Bicester Choral and Operatic Society (known as BCOS) is a charitable body dedicated to the presentation and production of quality concerts and shows for and to the people of Bicester and surrounding villages. We combine both choral and operatic traditions and produce an interesting and varied programme through the year that should suit most musical tastes.

We have performed most of the well known classical choral works by composers through the centuries. We are fortunate to present these in the wonderful acoustics of Bicester's Roman Catholic Church.

We have produced most of Gilbert & Sullivan's works, many popular European operettas and most of the favourite American and 20th century musicals. Popular modern works are well received by our audience but they demand high royalties. As a result we perform a mixture of G&S, opera, and musicals; this keeps the repertoire varied, which our members enjoy, and keeps costs down.

We employ a professional musical director and talented accompanist. The society is run by an enthusiastic & dedicated committee. Accounts are audited and submitted to Charity Commissioners.

We can only continue to encourage talent and provide live music & entertainment through the dedication of our members and the support of friends, patrons, and sponsors.

By taking this leaflet we hope that you will want to support us as a Patron or a Sponsor and so continue to enjoy & promote the music we make.

## MUSICAL EVENTS

- Spring** Our major choral work, usually with a full orchestra, performed at The Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church in Bicester.
- Summer** A selection of light music from shows past and present, chorus and solos by society members, performed at various sites in or around Bicester.
- Autumn** Our major production, a week long stage show with full orchestra, presented in Bicester Community College.
- Winter** A series of Christmas concerts and carols in various locations.

## REHEARSALS

BCOS meets at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings at St. Mary's School in Bicester. Rehearsals last two hours with a break for a drink, a chance to chat with friends & gentle fund raising. Local hostelrys often house the post-rehearsal meeting!

## SOCIAL EVENTS

As well as our rehearsals and performances BCOS enjoys a number of purely social events throughout the year. We also provide occasional choirs for weddings and charitable concerts.

## AUDITIONS

All voices are welcome. New members have a voice trial to place them in the correct section. Specific auditions are held for solo or principal roles in concert and shows.

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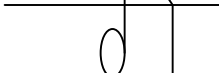
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## RESPONSE FORM

*I should like to support BCOS as a*

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Do you get concession tickets (OAP)?

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I enclose £                      payable to "BCOS"

**Please complete and return to:**

Carolyne Mollon,

BCOS Patrons Secretary, Four Firs,  
School End, Chetwode, Bucks MK18 4LA

**For more information:**

see our web site [www.bcoswesing.org.uk](http://www.bcoswesing.org.uk)

phone Carolyne 01280 848686

or email [patrons08@bcoswesing.org.uk](mailto:patrons08@bcoswesing.org.uk)

## PATRONS

The society is delighted to have a great number of friends who regularly support BCOS and enjoy our productions. Many become patrons, and as patrons further develop their association with the Society. We value the continued support and commitment of our patrons

**As a BCOS Patron you will receive:**

- Two half price tickets for every BCOS concert or show, at your normal rate, adult or concession.
- Acknowledgement of your patronage in all programmes and on the website,
- Regular news on BCOS concerts and other events through the Society Newsletter,
- Invitations to the BCOS AGM and other Society functions, and
- You will also naturally receive the gratitude of the society for your support.

**As a BCOS Patron we ask you to:**

- Pay an annual subscription of £25 (although some patrons do contribute more),
- Act as an ambassador for the Society by telling friends, family and colleagues about us,
- Assist & support the society by promoting and advertising BCOS concerts and shows,
- Consider more active involvement by helping front of house or behind the scenes at concerts and shows.

Patrons are often retired members of the society, spouses or partners, as well as well wishing supporters. We hope you will consider supporting the society on a regular basis as a Patron.

## CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

The Society welcomes corporate sponsorship from businesses wishing to show an appreciation of the arts. We believe that by supporting us you will enhance your corporate image, and improve the artistic health of the local community.

**Sponsors receive:**

- FREE TICKETS to productions and shows, which can be taken through the year or all together for one event,
- INVITATIONS to, and RECEPTION at, all society events, socials, concerts or shows,
- ADVERTISING in our Spring Concert & Autumn Show programmes, as either a quarter, half or full page advert designed & delivered electronically by the Sponsor,
- LISTING in programmes and on our web site, by company name.

**There are three levels of Sponsorship:**

- SILVER - GOLD - PLATINUM
- Details are summarised below

	Silver	Gold	Platinum
Free Tickets	4	6	10
Advertising	Quarter page	Half page	Full page
Listing	By Company name in all programmes and on our web site		
Annual Cost	£150	£215	£295

We trust one of these levels will appeal and that you will have a long and happy relationship with us.