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JOIN THE **FRIENDS OF THE FLORESTAN TRIO!!**

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And help support the Trio's, Concert, Festival and Master Classes Work

“**Surely playing this good is just physically impossible**” was the comment of a reviewer during one of the Trio's tours of the USA. Chamber music is not just alive and well, but an essential part of many people's lives. The aim of the **Friends of the Florestan Trio** is to create a group of people who, of course, greatly appreciate the quality and sensitivity of the Trio's performances, but also who enjoy being directly involved in the Trio's ideas and activities. Hearing chamber music to such a high standard, whether in the concert hall or in the more intimate settings used for the Peasmarsh Festival gives a new dimension to one's enjoyment. What is more, as someone said, you get a warm glow from being a part of something worthwhile!

The Trio constantly looks for new ways to present itself and find support for its activities so that their creative strategy puts them in a strong enough position to put on the kind of concerts and programmes that we all believe in, which brings their music to a wider audience and also which brings them closer to the audience and supporters. The Trio have faced this challenge and gained a strong and increasing international reputation – Wigmore Hall concerts are almost always now booked solid - and they have been greatly helped in this by the personal support of the Friends – as well of course as by the generous donations to the Florestan Trust.

Here are some of the ways the **Friends of the Florestan Trio** help:

The Florestan Festival at Peasmarsh is the Trio's own festival in East Sussex, and a good example of their creative strategy. As well as the four day Festival it includes an important education programme when the Trio and others work with local youngsters on musical projects. We were astonished at the level of local support, interest and enthusiasm for the Festival, without which the festival would not be possible; but to build on its success and develop further it also needs sponsorship funds and wide support.

Commissioning new works is an essential duty of a chamber ensemble, and the Trio passionately believes in the need to generate and perform new music for Piano Trio. There are several exciting ideas for commissions but to bring new ones to fruition they need funding from Patrons, sponsors and the Friends.

In common with most arts organisations today, we are constantly on the lookout for potential sponsors. Securing long-term financial support either from commercial sponsorship or public funds is never easy and we feel that an important way to achieve this is through a 'Friends' organisation with a system of annual donations.

Please Join Us!

To become a **Friend of the Florestan Trio** we ask that you make a minimum annual donation of £25 for individuals or £45 for two. If you can manage rather more that would be very welcome. If you would like to join this enthusiastic band of music-lovers, please read on over the page to see the attractions of membership of the Friends and fill in the sheet to join us. We look forward to including you in our activities – and to meeting you at many more splendid concerts.

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Gift Aid Declaration

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Registered address: c/o Bircham Dyson Bell, 50 Broadway, London SW1H 0BL

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I understand that I can cancel this declaration at any time with written notification to the Florestan Trust and I will notify the Trust of any change of address.

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