



WEXFORD  
FESTIVAL OPERA

61st SEASON | 24 OCTOBER – 4 NOVEMBER, 2012

# Friends' Membership

PRIORITY BOOKING FOR FRIENDS OPENS 8 MAY 2012  
GENERAL BOOKING OPENS 5 JUNE 2012



## Application Form 2012

*Become a Friend of  
Wexford Festival Opera  
and enjoy priority booking,  
exclusive concerts & lectures,  
Friends' parties and much more...*





Wexford Festival Opera relies on the commitment, passion and enthusiasm of our most loyal supporters: the Friends of Wexford Festival Opera. As ambassadors for the organisation, the support provided by Friends helps to secure the future of the Festival and enables our ongoing development as we enter our 61st year.

With our Friends and Patrons, we have enormous pride and passion for this

unique Festival, which provides the opera world with new and unknown works. Although the Festival continues to enjoy high international musical and artistic acclaim, the Festival's warmth and charm remains its most enduring quality. As a way of expressing our continued appreciation to our loyal supporters we have extended our range of benefits, which are exclusive to the Friends of Wexford Festival Opera.

### **Friends' Membership 2012 – New Features**

- An increased allocation of four complimentary invitations to a Friends' event of your choice.
- A 'Friends of Wexford Festival Opera Loyalty Card', exclusively entitling you to special discounts from selected shops, restaurants and hotels in Wexford.

# Levels of Support

## Friend – €225/£180

(Early Bird rate €200/£160 before  
1 March 2012)

- A four-week priority booking period for all Festival Performances.
- An increased allocation of four complimentary invitations to a Friends' event of your choice, including the post-opera weekend parties or the pre-opera mid-week buffets.
- Complimentary invitations to the exclusive Friends' Concerts and Lectures in Dublin, London and Wexford.
- Free subscription to the Friends' Newsletter, Friends' Ezines, Festival Programme and the Discover the Repertoire CD.
- Access to the enhanced Friends' private hospitality facilities at Wexford Opera House.
- **New for 2012: a 'Friends of Wexford Festival Opera Loyalty Card', entitling you to exclusive special discounts from selected shops, restaurants and hotels in Wexford.**

## Patron – €400/£320

The Patrons' Membership offers all the many benefits of the Friends' Membership. The additional contribution made by Patrons supports specific and ongoing programme development projects. We would encourage our Friends to consider upgrading to Patrons' membership. If you choose this option and pay before 1 March 2012 you will receive a Festival Box Office Gift Voucher to the value of €50, which can be redeemed by you or a person of your choice for tickets for the 2012 Opera Festival.

## Patrons' Circle – €2,000/ £1,600

The Patrons' Circle provides Patrons with all the Friends' benefits over a five year period at the current cost. It enables a more enduring contribution to be made to the Festival's development plans over the five year period.



## Young Friends' Membership – €80/£64

To help develop the next loyal generation of Friends, Wexford Festival Opera is committed to making the Festival more accessible to new audiences. Young Friends' Membership is open to everyone under the age of 35. Young Friends will enjoy most of the Friends' benefits, with the exception of Priority Booking. However, Wexford Festival Opera will allocate a limited number of discounted tickets for every Festival performance, exclusive to Young Friends, once the Friends' priority booking period has ended. Further details on discounted tickets will be sent to all Young Friends at the end of the priority booking period. (*Proof of age required*)

## Diamond Friends – €1,000/£800

To mark the 60th anniversary of Wexford Festival Opera in 2011 we introduced an exclusive Diamond Friends' campaign. Due to the huge success of this programme we have decided to continue the Diamond Friends' initiative for 2012.

For the special price of €1,000 you will receive full Friends' membership in addition to being granted an individual seat in the main auditorium in Wexford Opera House which you can endow with a special plaque. This can be in your own name or in the name of a loved one. This is the perfect way to highlight your special association with the Festival in a novel and long lasting way. Talk to Eamonn Carroll today to choose your seat and the dedication for your seat plaque – call him on 053 916 3527 or email [eamonn@wexfordopera.com](mailto:eamonn@wexfordopera.com).

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If you paid your 2011 Friends' Membership by direct debit please do not complete this application form. We will be in contact with you to renew your membership for 2012. New membership and referral discounts will be automatically applied.

### ONLINE APPLICATION/RENEWAL

**For 2012 memberships you can also become a Friend, or renew your membership, via our online service at [www.wexfordopera.com](http://www.wexfordopera.com).**



# Exclusive Friends' Membership Benefits

| Benefits   | Friends | Young Friends | Patrons | Patrons' Circle | Diamond Friends |
|--|---------|---------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Priority Booking *   | ●       |               | ●       | ●               | ●               |
| Friends' Parties/Buffets **  | ●       |               | ●       | ●               | ●               |
| Complimentary Festival Programme   | ●       | ●             | ●       | ●               | ●               |
| Recognition by name in Programme   | ●       | ●             | ●       | ●               | ●               |
| Friends' Newsletter & Ezine Subscription   | ●       | ●             | ●       | ●               | ●               |
| Discover the Repertoire CD   | ●       | ●             | ●       | ●               | ●               |
| Invitation to Friends' Dublin & London Summer Concerts                                 | ●       | ●             | ●       | ●               | ●               |
| Invite to Friends' Lectures in Wexford, Dublin and London                              | ●       | ●             | ●       | ●               | ●               |
| Priority Booking for Pre-Opera Suppers   | ●       | ●             | ●       | ●               | ●               |
| Exclusive access to Friends' Daytime Hospitality Suite and Interval Hospitality Lounge | ●       |               | ●       | ●               | ●               |
| Young Friends' Reception   |         | ●             |         |                 |                 |
| Limited Discounted Tickets   |         | ●             |         |                 |                 |
| Support Ongoing Development Projects   |         |               | ●       | ●               | ●               |
| Seat Endowment   |         |               |         |                 | ●               |
| Early Subscription Discount  | ●       |               |         |                 |                 |
| Early Subscription Gift Voucher  |         |               | ●       |                 |                 |
| Friends of Wexford Festival Opera Loyalty Card   | ●       | ●             | ●       | ●               | ●               |

\* (four weeks in advance of the opening of general booking) including priority online booking, with personal seat selection facility.

**PRIORITY BOOKING**  
commences Tuesday 8 May 2012

**GENERAL BOOKING**  
commences Tuesday 5 June 2012

\*\* Friends' Parties/Buffets. Four complimentary tickets for either one post-opera weekend party or one pre-opera mid-week buffet or a combination of parties and buffets not exceeding 4 tickets per membership; tickets should be booked through the box office. (Friends' guests can also attend at a cost of €50 per person.)

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