

## Gift Aid Declaration

Name of charity: Ryedale Festival Trust Ltd

Please treat...

- All gifts of money that I make today and in the future as Gift Aid donations

You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6<sup>th</sup> April one year to 5<sup>th</sup> April the next) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that the charity will reclaim on your gifts for that tax year.

Donor's details

Surname

Title

Initial(s)

Home address

Postcode

Date

Signature

Please notify the charity if you:

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

Tax claimed by the charity

The Charity will claim gift aid at the rate applicable for the current year.

If you pay income tax at the higher rate, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return if you want to receive the additional tax relief due to you.



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## About the Ryedale Festival

Ryedale is an area of six hundred square miles in North Yorkshire. The area is stunningly beautiful and includes part of the North Yorkshire Moors National Park. Also in the Ryedale area are the famous ruined abbeys of Rievaulx, Byland and Kirkham as well as castles and a number of nationally known grand houses, including Castle Howard, Sledmere House, Hovingham Hall and Duncombe Park.

The origins of the Festival date from 1981 when four musician friends had the idea of launching a series of local concerts around the small market town of Helmsley. In recent years three inspired Artistic Directors (Malcolm Layfield, 1996 to 2005, Justin Doyle, 2006 to 2009, and now the acclaimed piano accompanist Christopher Glynn) have taken the Festival to artistic levels that are recognised both nationally and internationally.

The Festival traditionally takes place in the last two weeks of July. Performances have been given in Ampleforth Abbey and occasionally York Minster, with opera in the great houses of Hovingham Hall and Settrington House, and concerts in Castle Howard, Duncombe Park and Sledmere. There is also a very popular series of morning Coffee Concerts given in the beautiful, sometimes remote, village churches that characterise this part of Yorkshire. Other events take place in the local towns of Malton, Pickering and Helmsley.

The Festival's President is Dr John Warrack, who was formerly the editor of the *Oxford Book of Opera*, so it is not entirely coincidental that the Festival has a growing reputation for staging opera. In recent years acclaimed productions, some with new translations by John Warrack, have included Mozart's *Seraglio*, Gluck's *Orfeo*, Handel's *Orlando*, Kodály's *Háry János*, Britten's *Prodigal Son*, Mendelssohn's *The Homecoming* and Janáček's *The Cunning Little Vixen*.

The Festival is also a community festival, in the sense of it being dependent on a large number of local volunteers who help to run it. It has won itself a national and even international circle of Festival Members and Friends, and it is in part through such support that the Ryedale Festival has become firmly established as among the most enterprising and attractive in England. The future remains bright; but as public funding becomes harder to access, so will a festival like Ryedale become more dependent on its Members and Friends.

Hence we invite you to join one of the categories of membership of the Ryedale Festival described in this leaflet.



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## Membership Application

### Make a difference

We would like the Ryedale Festival to continue to offer the musical range, and the highest standard of professional performance, for which it has become internationally renowned.

**To do this we need YOUR support.**

Chairman: Robin Andrews  
Artistic Director: Christopher Glynn  
President: John Warrack

## Ways in which you can support

- Becoming a Festival Member or Friend
- Making a regular Donation
- Providing Private Sponsorship
- Providing Commercial Sponsorship
- Remembering us in your Will
- If you are a UK tax payer, using the Gift Aid facility when giving a donation
- Volunteering – we are always happy to involve Members and Friends who can assist us during the Festival

## Trusts, Foundations and other major Donors

Over the years the Ryedale Festival has been fortunate to receive a number of significant donations from individuals and Trusts. We are most grateful to them and where agreed their names have been published in the Festival Programme. Some of these donors sponsor certain events. Some do not.

In addition to the benefits of Gold membership (see opposite) their generosity will be recognised at the newly instituted annual Concert Dinner to be held in the Autumn.

## Commercial Sponsorship

As few professional musical events can be put on for less than £3,000, and some involving large numbers of singers or instrumentalists can be in excess of £25,000, we invite any entity wishing to sponsor a particular event to discuss with us how to benefit from association with the event itself and the Festival in general. A concert can be an ideal platform for entertaining clients and friends both at the time and/or later at a nearby restaurant. It is of course an opportunity to enhance and promote a business not only within the local community but in some cases to a national audience. The Ryedale Festival team will work with the sponsor to ensure that all possible advertising and promotional benefits are achieved.

## Gift Aid

If you are a UK tax payer, Gift Aid is an easy way of increasing the value of your donation to the Festival, at no extra cost to you. For example, by completing a Gift Aid form, a donation of £100 is actually worth £122 to the Festival. In addition, if you pay the 40% higher rate of Income Tax you are entitled to claim 18% of the gross donation on tax relief.

## Volunteering

If you would like to give further support to the Festival you can volunteer for a variety of jobs such as stewarding, providing accommodation for visiting artists, etc.

## Ryedale Festival Members and Friends

The Members and Friends play a vital role in supporting the Ryedale Festival through subscriptions, fundraising and donations. In return the Friends and Gold and Silver Members enjoy close links with the Festival and receive a number of benefits. Depending on the category of membership these include priority booking, a discount on some events, a free magazine, etc.

During the priority booking periods each member/friend may purchase a maximum of two tickets per event; discount, where applicable, will only apply to the member's ticket. Any number of additional tickets may be purchased after the priority booking period.

**Membership runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> each year.**

### Gold Membership £250 per person p.a.

- 20% discount on one ticket per event
- 1<sup>st</sup> week of priority booking
- One free ticket to both Winter and Spring concerts
- Free Programme
- Free Concert Dinner with Christopher Glynn
- Free *Soh-Fah* magazine
- Name in Festival Programme

### Silver Membership £150 per person p.a.

- 10% discount on one ticket per event
- 2<sup>nd</sup> week of priority booking
- One free ticket to the Spring concert
- Free Programme
- Invitation to Concert Dinner with Christopher Glynn
- Free *Soh-Fah* magazine
- Name in Festival Programme

### Friends £30 per person p.a.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> week of priority booking
- £5 voucher towards Programme
- Free *Soh-Fah* magazine
- Name in Festival Programme

### Youth Membership £5 per person p.a.

(New category open to all between the years of 10 to 21)

- Opportunity to attend rehearsals and talk to performers
- Free workshops during Festival
- Half-price tickets to all events
- Free tickets within 24 hours of performance (if available)
- Free *Soh-Fah* magazine

### Ten-year Membership

- Gold members – £2,000 per person
- Silver members – £1,000 per person

## Membership Form

Please complete the application form and return with your cheque made payable to the 'Ryedale Festival Trust Ltd', or complete the separate Standing Order Form (which helps to keep our costs down), and send to:

**Ryedale Festival Office, Memorial Hall, Potter Hill, Pickering, York, YO18 8AA  
01751 475888**

Surname

Title

First Name(s)

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Email

*(Email is our preferred method of communication)*

- Gold Membership** £250 per person
- Silver Membership** £150 per person
- Friends** £30 per person
- Youth Membership** £5 per person
- Ten-year Gold Membership** £2,000 per person
- Ten-year Silver Membership** £1,000 per person

Total amount enclosed £

**Please make cheques payable to:  
'The Ryedale Festival Trust Ltd'**

- Please tick if you have filled in the Gift Aid declaration overleaf

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