

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; OR
- All gifts of money that I have made in the past 6 years and all future gifts of money that I make from the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations.

(Please tick the appropriate box)

You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April one year to 5 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 reclaim 28p of tax on every £1 you gave up to 5 April 2008.
- The charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 you give on or after 6 April 2008.
- From 6 April 2011 tax relief received by charities will be reduced from 22% to 20%. Hence, we urge anyone thinking of making a Gift Aid declaration to do so before then.

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.

About the Ryedale Festival

Ryedale is an area of six hundred square miles in North Yorkshire. In 1981 four musician friends had the idea of launching a series of local concerts based around the small market town of Helmsley. This first Helmsley Festival brought together more friends and other professional musicians, and made an immediate impact on the town and its surroundings. So popular did it become that after five Festivals a broader base was called for, and the Ryedale District Council stepped in with the generous support it has maintained ever since. Events now range far and wide in the area to make a true Ryedale Festival.

Performances are given in Ampleforth Abbey and sometimes York Minster, with opera in the great houses of Hovingham Hall and Settrington House, and concerts in Castle Howard, Duncombe Park and Sledmere, as well as in the thriving Helmsley Arts Centre. It is essentially a rural festival, with a very popular series of morning Coffee Concerts given in the beautiful, sometimes remote village churches that characterise this part of Yorkshire. It is also a community festival, with local artists taking part alongside artists of national and international fame, and local people helping to run the Festival.

Two inspired Artistic directors Malcolm Layfield (1996 to 2005) and Justin Doyle (2006 to 2009) have taken the Festival from strength to strength. Christopher Glynn, the internationally acclaimed piano accompanist, took over from Justin Doyle last year and his first Festival was greeted with enthusiasm and record ticket sales.

The Festival's President is Dr John Warrack, who was the music critic of the *Sunday Telegraph* and subsequently 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* and Kodály's *Háry János*, Britten's *Prodigal Son* and Mendelssohn's *The Homecoming*.

The Festival has won itself a national and even international circle of Festival Patrons and Friends. 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 in difficult times such support is more vital than ever.

We hope you might join one of the categories of membership of the Ryedale Festival described in this leaflet.

Ryedale Festival

"A precious musical gem in the country's artistic calendar"

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.

RYEDALE FESTIVAL



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

Ways in which you can support

- Becoming a Festival Member and Friend
- Making a regular Donation
- 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 Chairman's Dinner to be held in late September.

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 that wishes to sponsor a particular event to be in touch with us to discuss 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 declaration a donation of £100 is actually worth £122 to the Festival. In addition if you pay the 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 stewarding or become an accommodation provider for visiting artists.

Ryedale Festival Members and Friends

The Friends' organisation plays a vital role in supporting the Ryedale Festival. Each year this organisation raises about £20,000 through subscriptions, fundraising and donations. In addition, the Friends and Gold and Silver Members enjoy close links with the Festival and receive a number of benefits. These range from priority booking, a discount on some events, a free magazine, etc.

Membership runs from January 1st to December 31st each year

Gold membership £250 per person p.a.

- 20% Discount on one ticket per event
- 1st week of priority booking
- One free ticket to both Advent and Launch 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
- 2nd week of priority booking
- One free ticket to the Launch concert
- Free Programme
- Invitation to Concert Dinner with Christopher Glynn
- Free *Soh Fah* magazine
- Name in Festival Programme

Friends £30 per person p.a.

- 2nd week of priority booking
- Free 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
(Please print clearly)

- 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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