



## Somerville Music Society

### Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2008, DHQ Music Room

Present: Joe Burgess (Vice-President and Social Secretary)  
 Tom Butcher (Treasurer)  
 Lea Krämer (Publicity Officer)  
 John McElroy  
 Tristan Mitchard  
 Alex Parker (Webmaster)  
 James Percival (President)  
 Stefan Schwarz (Secretary)  
 Rosie Shakespear  
 Martin Suckling (Senior Member)

**The meeting commenced at 7:04 p.m.**

#### **1. Dido Concert: Ticketing, Publicity and Post-Concert Drinks**

- tickets can be reserved through David Crown's Somerville email address ([david.crown@some.ox.ac.uk](mailto:david.crown@some.ox.ac.uk)); address will be included in posters and flyers
- tickets will be free but there will be a retiring collection to raise money for the choir tour
- two different posters have been designed; both designs will be used for posters, flyers and programmes
- posters will be put up in most colleges, various shops in Jericho as well as in selected faculty buildings and libraries
- A5 flyers will be pigdged to all Somervillians
- Lea will produce 25 A3 and 25 A4 copies of the poster (both versions) using the digital print shop at Gloucester Green
- James is going create a Facebook event to advertise the concerts
- post-concert drinks will only take place after the second performance of Dido; Martin will book Vaughan SCR
- Joe will buy wine and nibbles for 50 people from the college bar (24 bottles of red/white wine, nibbles for £10)

**Action:**        **Lea to organise printing of posters and flyers.**  
                      **James to set up Facebook event.**  
                      **Martin to book venue for post-concert drinks.**  
                      **Joe to buy wine and nibbles from the college bar.**

## 2. Purchase of Band Equipment for Park Music Room

- Lea Krämer has suggested that SMS buy an electric guitar and an amplifier (and possibly also an electric bass guitar + amplifier)
- Martin points out that there is an abandoned amplifier in DHQ Music Room that could be moved to Park
- SMS might put in a JCR motion to raise funds for the purchase of band instrument(s) which would be available all members of the college
- SMS will have to find out how many people would be interested in using band equipment → Lea will send a message to Stavros who will forward it to the JCR mailing list
- booking system for instruments will have to be implemented and lockable cupboard needs to be installed in Park Music Room
- SMS already owns a drum kit, a bass recorder and a timpani; whereabouts and condition of some of these instruments is unclear
- someone needs to catalogue these instruments and SMS needs to set priorities for their maintenance

**Action: Lea to send email to JCR mailing list to find out how many people would want to use band equipment.  
Rosie to catalogue SMS-owned instruments and to report back on their condition.**

## 3. SMS Meetings

- Alex Parker proposes to hold SMS meetings every week starting next term; meetings could take place on two days which alternate every fortnight to ensure maximum attendance
- dates for meetings have to be set much earlier; clashes with orchestra rehearsals need to be avoided
- general agreement that it would be a good idea to increase the number of meetings but eight meetings a term would be excessive → negative effect on turnout
- five SMS meetings in Hilary Term:
  1. Thursday of 0<sup>th</sup> week, 6:30pm
  2. Sunday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week, 7:45pm (after chapel dinner)
  3. Sunday of 4<sup>nd</sup> week, 7:45pm
  4. Sunday of 6<sup>nd</sup> week, 7:45pm
  5. Sunday of 8<sup>nd</sup> week, 7:45pm
- one further meeting in Michaelmas to plan next term's events: Sunday of 8<sup>th</sup> week (time to be confirmed); deadline for submission of agenda items: Saturday of 8<sup>th</sup> week (29<sup>th</sup> November), 8pm

## 4. Concert Tickets

- Rosie wants SMS to subsidise tickets for Somervillians who wish to attend concerts featuring university orchestras and other ensembles
- details will be discussed at next SMS meeting

**The meeting was concluded at 7:48 p.m.**