



## **Somerville Music Society**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2008, DHQ Music Room**

Present: Joe Burgess  
Tom Butcher (Treasurer)  
Lea Krämer  
Stavros Orfanos (Vice-President)  
Kimon Pallikaropoulos  
Alex Parker  
James Percival (Publicity Officer)  
Stefan Schwarz (Secretary)  
Rosie Shakespear (President)  
Benjamin Thompson (Senior Member)

**The meeting commenced at 4:36 p.m.**

#### **1. This Year**

- very successful year for music society: involvement in Arts Week, well-attended concerts featuring the college choir and orchestra, several social events (music society dinners in HT and TT), excellent publicity, financial problems have been solved
- aspects that need improving: SCR has to be given early notice about upcoming SMS events, more opportunities for people to perform chamber music and solo works are needed, SMS website currently doesn't have a contact form

#### **2. SMS Budget**

- current balance: £7
- JCR cheque for Trinity (£300) has not arrived yet

**Action: Tom to remind JCR treasurer before the end of 8<sup>th</sup> week.**

### **3. Committee Positions**

- Rosie and Alex suggest to create the new committee post 'webmaster' in order to emphasise the importance of the website for our publicity
- members of the society vote unanimously in favour of creating the new committee post; two-third majority is needed to amend the constitution

**Action: Stefan to update the constitution accordingly.**

### **4. Elections**

- Rosie (president), Stavros (vice-president) and James (publicity officer) have decided to step down → four committee positions need to be filled
- James Percival is unanimously elected as the new president of Somerville Music Society
- Joe Burgess is unanimously elected as vice-president
- Lea Krämer is unanimously elected as publicity officer
- Alex Parker is unanimously elected as webmaster
- new committee for 2008/2009: James Percival (president), Joe Burgess (vice-president), Tom Butcher (treasurer), Stefan Schwarz (secretary), Alex Parker (webmaster), Lea Krämer (publicity officer)
- Tom Butcher will probably resign next year, so that his committee post can be filled by one of the freshers
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### **5. Plans for next year**

- Martin Suckling, the new music lecturer, is interested in getting involved
- James will book stall for the university's freshers' fair; joint stall with Somerville Chapel Choir; David Crown will be paying the fees
- freshers who sign up for Somerville Chapel Choir or SMS will be given a free copy of the choir CD
- SMS will organise more events in the college bar
- freshers will be sent information leaflets about Somerville Music Society and Somerville Chapel Choir

**Action: James to design the leaflets. David and Stefan will provide the text and some photos.**

## 6. Events next term

- SMS/music drinks in Freshers' Week; post-concert drinks in the college bar
- Wednesday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week: Informal Freshers' Concert (open to first-year music students and everyone else who wishes to perform, accompanists will be provided)
- Thursday of 5<sup>th</sup> week: Candlelit Concert
- Thursday of 7<sup>th</sup> week: SMS Open Mic Night in the college bar (to be organised by Stavros; electric piano will be provided)
- end of term (date to be confirmed): Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* in collaboration with Somerville Chapel Choir, David Crown and Somerville Drama Society (SODS)

## 7. Other Business

- Stavros raises the question whether the piano in chapel has to be locked; this arrangement might deter people from using it
- Benjamin points out that the college insists on having the piano locked in order to protect it from vandalism; permission to sign out the key is easily obtained

**The meeting was concluded at 5:30 p.m.**