

BRIGHTON & HOVE ARTS COUNCIL - MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

ADUR ARTS FORUM

The Forum supports musicians, composers and artists in the Adur area. Its main activity is the Adur Arts Live Festival now in its 14th year. The Festival promotes a series of high quality concerts with a bias to classical, contemporary and music inspired by other cultures, with the inclusion of works by composers who live in this area.
Contact: Chris Gander on 01273 411228

ALL SAINTS HOVE LUNCHTIME RECITALS

The lunchtime recitals at All Saints Church, Hove, started in 1991, and offer fine music in the spectacular setting of one of England’s greatest Victorian churches. Featuring many artistes of international renown, the concerts draw large audiences weekly from May to September. All concerts are free, with a retiring collection.

Contact: Mrs Hilda Brown, 42 Stevens Court, Ingram Crescent West, Hove BN3 5LZ

ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF HOVE MUSEUM & ART GALLERY

Registered Charity No 1003749

The object of the Association is "the advancement of education of the public by promotion, support, assistance and improvement of the Hove Museum & Art Gallery". The Association arranges specialised lectures by well known speakers on the last Tuesday of each month.

Contact: Mrs Margaret Adams, c/o Hove Museum, 19 New Church Road, Hove BN3 4AB

BLATCHINGTON MILL SCHOOL

Performing Arts

Blatchington Mill School & Sixth Form College has Performing Arts Status. The School's facilities include a three floor music studios and technology suite, complete with recording and rehearsal spaces, and large dance and drama studios. These resources are available to be shared with the community through the Community Arts Manager.

Contact: c/o Blatchington Mill School, Nevill Avenue, Hove BN3 7LB

BRIGHTON & HOVE CAMERA CLUB

The Club is one of the South's leading camera clubs with nearly 100 members. New members - whether expert, beginner or somewhere in between - are always welcome. We cover digital, darkroom, traditional or contemporary. Visit the club's website for further information of our programme.

Contact: Leo on 01273 492848

BRIGHTON & HOVE COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

The Band rehearses at the Music Centre, County Oak Avenue on Thursdays at 8.00 pm. The Band is for adult woodwind, brass and percussion players who enjoy playing a wide range of musical styles from classics to popular music. The main requirement is enthusiasm, however, players should have reached a minimum standard of grade IV or equivalent.

Details: Brighton & Hove Music Service, County Oak Avenue, Brighton BN1 8D) or 293524

BRIGHTON & HOVE DEBATING SOCIETY

The Society meets monthly to debate a variety of issues. New members are welcome, whether to speak or just to listen. Membership encompasses people from a wide age range and of varying political, social and religious viewpoints who wish to engage in debate in a friendly atmosphere.

Secretary: Dennis Jackson, 36 Woodland Drive, Hove BN3 6DL

BRIGHTON & HOVE DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS SOCIETY

The Society was founded in 1986. It offers its members a series of nine illustrated monthly lectures in Hove Town Hall on a wide range of arts topics. Visits to art exhibitions and buildings with interesting collections, etc are also available. The Society is affiliated to the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies.

Membership Secretary: Mrs Christine Goodman, 25 Buckingham Avenue, Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5GL

BRIGHTON & HOVE PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

Registered Charity No 250921

The Brighton Philharmonic Orchestra is one of the leading professional orchestras on the south coast. With over 700 season ticket holders, the annual season of concerts in the Brighton Dome provides the backbone of orchestral music in the city. The Orchestra is supported by the Friends of the Brighton & Hove Philharmonic Society.

Information: BHPS, 41 George Street, Brighton BN2 1RJ

BRIGHTON COLLEGE ARTS

Registered Charity No 307061

Brighton College welcomes the public to a variety of events including: an annual winter series of classical concerts with leading international artists; several major art exhibitions each year in the Burstow Gallery; a programme of evening lectures by prominent personalities; and various other events during the Brighton Festival.
Concert/Gallery Administrator: c/o Brighton College, Eastern Road, Brighton BN2 2AL

BRIGHTON EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Registered Charity No 1097288

The Festival started in October 2002 with a pilot scheme of concerts. The Festival has been extended to include workshops in local schools, and concerts and other events for the general public. The renowned soprano, Emma Kirkby, is our patron. We have forged links with several specialist music groups and local choirs.

Contact: Deborah Roberts, 9 Chalkers Lane, Hurstpierpoint BN6 9LR

BRIGHTON FESTIVAL CHORUS and YOUTH CHOIR

Registered Charity No 283743

The Chorus has performed in the Brighton Festival every year since 1968 and regularly promotes concerts in and around Brighton. It performs and records large choral works with professional orchestras in London, other major UK cities and abroad. The Chorus and its Youth Choir rehearse on Tuesdays at Sussex University. Entry to the Chorus is by simple Enquiries: 070 1070 6235 or info@bfc.org.uk

BRIGHTON FESTIVAL OF WORLD SACRED MUSIC

Registered Charity No 1110891

This annual festival aims to promote understanding between people of all faiths and none. Local, national and international musicians from a wide range of sacred traditions - including Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and more - perform concerts, workshops and community events in sacred spaces around the city. The festival also takes performances into

Director: Kate Whyman, 21-22 Old Steyne, Brighton BN1 1EL

BRIGHTON MUSICAL FRATERNITY

After being founded in 1884 as a Glee Club for men, ladies were admitted to full membership after the second world war. Monthly concerts are held at All Saints Church Hall, Eaton Road, Hove from September to May. We present a wide variety of music by well known performers, and also provide an opportunity for young performers to play to an audience. New members and guests are very welcome.

Contact: Mrs Hilda Brown, 42 Stevens Court, Ingram Crescent West, Hove BN3 5LZ

BRIGHTON ORPHEUS CHOIR

Registered Charity No 260887

This well established, 100 strong choir under their musical director, Stella Hull, regularly performs a wide range of choral repertoire with professional orchestra. A contrasting summer programme ranges from unaccompanied part-songs to opera. Wednesday rehearsals are held at Varndean High School, Balfour Road, Brighton.

Contact: Valerie Powell 01273 505200

BRIGHTON THEATRE GROUP

Registered Charity No 258846

Founded in 1968 by Mavis Ward, the society is predominantly a musical society producing shows such as Cabaret, Sweet Charity, Oliver, Sweeney Todd and West Side Story. A young and vibrant group - new members are always welcome.

Contact: Keith Shepherd, 2 Chatsworth Avenue, Telscombe Cliffs BN10 7EA

COASTLINE HARMONY CHORUS

We are a local women's chorus who sing and enjoy four part unaccompanied harmony. Founded in 1973, we belong to a world-wide organisation, Sweet Adelines International. We love to perform for local societies, charities, and nursing homes. We rehearse every Thursday at Portslade Community College from 7.15 pm to 9.45 pm.

Contact: Pauline on 01273 262015 (for performances) or Jackie on 01444 236809 (to join)

CONCERT SINGERS

The Concert Singers were formed in 1999 specialising in selections of musical shows from 1900 to the present day, performing at various venues in the Sussex area, occasionally with an orchestra and dancers.
Producer: Andrew Cregeen, 182 Bannings Vale, Saltdean BN2 8DJ

CUCKFIELD DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The Society was reborn in 1995 after a gap of over 20 years. It stages two major productions a year at the Queen's Hall, Cuckfield and organises social events throughout the year, including club nights on the second Tuesday of the month. New members always welcome.

Secretary: Brenda Binge, Cherry Tree House, Bread Street, Cuckfield RH17 5LA

DUPONT ART CLUB AT HOVE

The club is a self-supporting group. There are three sessions a week at the Connaught Centre, Hove, on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings and afternoons. Membership includes beginners through to professional artists.

Information: www.dupontartclub.org.uk

EAST SUSSEX DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS SOCIETY

The Society was founded in 1989 and meets monthly at Hove Town Hall on Wednesday evenings. Each year nine illustrated lectures cover a broad variety of decorative and fine arts related topics. The Society also offers social gatherings, outings and short holidays to places of interest. Visitors are very welcome, £5.00 admission.

Membership Secretary: Mr Barry Gooders on 01273 555442

ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION

Registered Charity No 273136

The Brighton, Hove & District Branch is part of a world-wide organisation promoting international understanding through the English language. Local activities include public speaking competitions for schools, a lecture programme and other events.

Contact: Arthur Collins, c/o 80 The Droveway, Hove BN3 6PR

GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY (Sussex)

Registered Charity No 296029

Concerts and talks are held, about once a month, at St. Peter's Church Hall in Brighton's London Road. Members receive regular newsletters and also an illustrated magazine, "Gilbert & Sullivan News", three times a year. New members and visitors are welcome.

Contact: David Edwards, 17 College Street, Brighton BN2 1JG

HOVE-DRAVEIL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The Association was formed in 1992 in order to develop links with the town of Draveil which is south-east of Paris, and particularly encourages visits by school children in Hove with the assistance of the Howard Longden Travel Fund. There have been two exhibitions on French themes at Hove Museum & Art Gallery and two concerts by participating schools.

Hon Secretary: Mr D Mead, 16 Wish Road, Hove BN3 4LL

HURSTPIERPOINT PLAYERS

Registered Charity No 272635

We are proud to own the theatre in the High Street where we put on three or four productions a year, from Shakespeare to the Theatre of the Absurd plus a pantomime. We have a flourishing Junior Section under the guidance of qualified teachers. New members and directors always welcome.

Secretary: Nina Vickers, 9 Iden Hurst, Hurstpierpoint BN6 9XZ

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS CHAPEL ROYAL

Founded in 1990 by the Revd Richard Capstick and artistic directors Peter Sulski, Paul Gregory and Peter Copley, and now run by a committee, the aims of LCCR are to promote weekly concerts of local and professional artistes, encourage young musicians, raise funds and obtain sponsorship to cover expenses and artistes' fees.

Secretary: Marjorie Rooney, 25 Home Coast House, Cavell Avenue, Peacehaven BN10 7NH

NEW MUSIC BRIGHTON

New Music Brighton, founded in 1994 by Peter Copley and Paul Gregory, is an association of composers living in the Sussex area. It exists to provide a platform for their works and to raise the level of interest in new music. New Music Brighton's programme of events is financially supported by the PRS Foundation and by Brighton & Hove City Council.

Contact: Ric Graebner, 30 Dyke Road Drive, Brighton BN1 6AJ

NEW MUSICAL TEAMAKERS CLUB

The club was founded in 1995. Members and visitors can either listen to or take part in nostalgic light or well known classical songs. There are also instrumentalists, comedy, magic and poetry. Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month at All Saints Church Hall, Eaton Road, Hove.

Information: 680707

NEW VENTURE THEATRE COMPANY

Registered Charity No 268607

New Venture provides a varied season of 9 or 10 plays each year alongside classes and other events. The Club has a bar and public licence for their adaptable studio theatre seating about 60 and 80. The "praescenium arch" main house theatre is currently being re-developed. The Company welcomes all new members.

Contact: NVT answerphone 746118

POETRY FOR PLEASURE

Poetry is presented by a small company of experienced readers at St John's Cornerstone Community Centre, Hove every Monday at 12.00 noon. Our aim is to entertain, and we also seek to set poetry in the period in which it was written.

Information: Sheila Bain, 2 Dolphin Court, Hove Street, Hove BN3 2DN

PRO MUSICA CHAMBER CHOIR

The Choir was formed in 1998, following amalgamation of the East Sussex Chorus and the East Sussex Community Choir, and performs a varied international repertoire from the sixteenth to twentieth centuries. Pro Musica rehearse on Monday evenings in Rottingdean. There is a modest membership fee and a simple entrance voice hearing.

Kathryn Sargent & Ray Maulkin: 01273 478656

RAINBOW POETRY RECITALS

This Brighton based organisation arranges each year 60 recitals of literature (mainly poetry) in London and Sussex towns. Some are open to all comers; others for members only, £6.00 per year.

Information: 14 Lewes Crescent, Brighton BN2 1FH or 0794 7712846

ROTTINGDEAN ART CLUB

The club meets on Wednesday afternoons in The Whiteaway Centre. All levels are welcome and occasional tutors and/or demonstrations are provided. There is an annual exhibition of members' work in The Grange gallery.

Contact: The Secretary on 01273 308594

ROTTINGDEAN DRAMA SOCIETY

The Society was founded in 1949 and performs three plays and a pantomime each year. Our venue is Rottingdean Village Hall. The Society was winner of the Challenge Cup in the Arts Council's Drama Competition in 1994, 1998 and 2000. Both established and aspiring talent are warmly invited to our auditions.

Secretary: Peter Canning, 135 Wilson Avenue, Brighton BN2 5PB

ROTTINGDEAN PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Registered Charity No 264056

The Society operates The Grange Art Gallery and Museum in Rottingdean. The building was originally the Vicarage and subsequently the home of the artist, Sir William Nicholson, who renamed it The Grange. The Preservation Society is restoring The Grange which is managed by local enthusiasts.

Enquiries: c/o The Grange, The Green, Rottingdean BN2 7HA

SACKVILLE PLAYERS

This long established drama group aims to perform at least three plays a year. Members meet every Thursday at the Aldrington Day Centre, New Church Road, Hove. New members are always welcome whether on stage or back stage.

Secretary: Miss Louise Taylor, 31 Leighton Road, Hove BN3 7AE

SOCIETY OF CATHOLIC ARTISTS (Sussex)

The Society of Catholic Artists Regional Group started in 1976, though the Society was founded in 1929. Our members meet monthly on the first Sunday for discussions, events and support. We exhibit locally, and participate in national and international exhibitions and conferences.

Contact: Mrs Audrey Kaufmann, 28 Gleton Avenue, Hove BN3 8LL

SOCIETY OF SUSSEX PAINTERS

This is a society of painters, sculptors and engravers, founded in 1924.

Membership is open to all professional artists living or working in Sussex. The Society holds an exhibition each year.

Contact: Peter Grimshaw, 56 Wivelsfield Road, Saltdcan BN2 8FQ

SOUNDWAVES FESTIVAL

Registered Charity No 1116527

This annual festival, founded in 2006 by Patrick Harrex and Claudia Molitor, is devoted to the performance and creation of contemporary music, mainly written or conceived post 2000. It provides a platform for local, national and inernational performers and seeks to promote new music to all through concerts and other activities, including workshops.

Contact: Patrick Harrex, 21 Preston Drove, Brighton BN1 6LA

SOUTH DOWNS ART SOCIETY

The Society meets most Saturday afternoons in St Helen's Church Hall, Hangleton. There is no formal tuition, but help and advice is readily available from the more experienced artists. There are working sessions, demonstrations and sketching outdoors in summer. Exhibitions are held from time to time.

Secretary: Mrs Audrey Kaufmann, 28 Gleton Avenue, Hove BN3 8LL

SOUTHWICK OPERA

Southwick Opera was founded in 1965 and performs two shows a year, usually in May and November, from grand opera to musicals. Membership is by audition only. If you enjoy singing and acting or like sewing, building scenery or working backstage, contact the Hon Secretary for further details. New members always welcome. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings, 7.30 pm at Southwick Community Centre.

Secretary: Mrs Elaine Bailey, 97 North Road, Portslade BN41 2HD

SOUTHWICK PLAYERS

Registered Charity No 227937

This drama group's aim is to promote the arts for all ages and perform four productions a year in a delightful little theatre called The Barn, in Southwick. If you are interested in joining with or without experience, contact the secretary.

Secretary: c/o Southwick Community Centre, Southwick Street, Southwick BN42 4TE

St LUKE'S CONCERT SERIES

St. Luke's Church in Queens Park Road, with an excellent Steinway piano, is hosting a concert series, organised by Artistic Director, Rachel Fryer, which features local musicians of all varieties. Concerts take place once a month either on Friday evenings at 7.30 pm or on Sunday afternoons at 2.30 pm.

Contact: Rachel Fryer on 01273 620723

SUSSEX CHORUS

Registered Charity No 271678

Sussex Chorus (formerly Ditchling Choral Society) with over 120 members, under its Musical Director, Neil Jenkins, performs mainly in Brighton and Mid-Sussex. The Choir was winner of Brighton Festival Fringe 2005 Best Classical Event for its performance of Bach's St Matthew Passion.

Contact: Mrs Rosemary Pardey on 01444 454091 or secretary@sussexchorus.org.uk

SUSSEX GUILD

Registered Charity No 292234

The Guild was founded in 1970, and aims to raise standards in the field of applied art, increase public awareness of fine craftsmanship and promote members' work. Craftspeople who live and work in Sussex, whose work has been approved by a selection panel, are offered membership.

Secretary: Judith Fisher, Huntswood, St Helena's Lane, Sreath, Hassocks BN6 8SD

SUSSEX HARMONISERS

We are a barbershop chorus for men. We rehearse at St Paul's Catholic College, Burgess Hill, on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm. Over 50 strong, we welcome new members and provide coaching if necessary. We entertain throughout Sussex. Our smaller competition chorus performs as "Sussex Barbershop Singers" and rehearse fortnightly at Haywards Heath Methodist Church.

Musical Director: Tony Pelling 01273 502144

SUSSEX MUSICIANS' CLUB

The Club was founded in 1923, originally for women musicians, but in 1971 became open to men as well. All the concerts - about 12 between September and April - are given by members. The Club offers the opportunity to perform and hear a wide variety of music at a high standard; a discerning audience; a platform for the young and a friendly atmosphere. New members are always welcome, particularly string players.

Secretary: Muriel Hart, 10 Orchard Gardens, Hove BN3 7BJ

SUSSEX OPERA AND BALLET SOCIETY

Registered Charity No 271113

The Society was founded in 1974 to "educate the public in the arts and sciences, in particular those of music, by presentation of opera ballet and drama". There are bi-monthly events, with professional artists, providing entertaining yet informative occasions, with an equal balance of ballet and opera.

Contact: Marion Boyle, 50 Pashley Road, Eastbourne BN20 8EA

SUSSEX PLAYWRIGHTS' CLUB

The Club exists to encourage the writing of plays, especially by local people. These plays are given a staged reading, and then constructively criticised. We meet monthly on Sunday evenings at the New Venture Theatre, Bedford Place, Brighton.

Secretary: Dennis Evans, 2 Brunswick Mews, Hove BN3 1HD

SUSSEX SCRIBES

Sussex Scribes aims to inspire people interested in calligraphy, lettering and handwriting to meet together, and is open to all standards from beginners to professionals. The majority of meetings are one-day workshops led by tutors of national standing. Topics are broad, though related to calligraphy and include drawing, media, watercolour, composition and book-binding.

Contact: Dianne Heady 01273 699587

SUSSEX VOICEWORKS

Sussex Voiceworks was founded over 30 years ago, and by 1978 had grown to around 30 singers. The Choir has continued to flourish and expand, drawing from a wide area over 100 members. The Choir has performed extensively both in the United Kingdom and abroad.

Information: call 01273 411460

SUSSEX WATERCOLOUR SOCIETY

The members are practising watercolourists who aim to equal the standards of London societies. Membership is generally by application and submission of six works; well known artists are invited to join.

Contact: Sheena Trist, The Perch, Edburton Road, Fulking, West Sussex BN5 9LR

WICK THEATRE COMPANY

Registered Charity No 263310

Now in its sixtieth year, Wick has built a reputation for top-class community theatre. The company stages five or six main productions a year at the excellent Barn Theatre in Southwick. There is also a youth wing and a range of social events

Contact: John Garland, Grange Cottage, Grange Road, Hove BN3 5HU

WORKSHOP CONCERT SERIES

The Workshop, in English Passage, Lewes is a 14th century timber-framed building. The "upper hall" seats about 45 people, and the concerts held there are devoted to Early Music on period instruments. Past concerts have included lute, clavichord and harpsichord recitals and performances of chamber music.

Information: Paul Simmonds, 58 Redhill Drive, Brighton BN1 5FL

BRIGHTON & HOVE ARTS COUNCIL

The Arts Council was founded in 1974, and its objectives are to encourage and foster the “non profit making” arts in and around Brighton and Hove

Principal activities

★ publication of Arts Diary quarterly

★ an autumn drama competition

★ exhibitions for artists

★ exhibition/display screens available

Information: www.bh-arts.org.uk

Principal contacts

★ *for membership details*

Bea Waters

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★ *for Arts Diary advertising, for general enquiries and screen hire:*

Andrew Granger-Bevan

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