

January 2008

Dear Patron

**Milton Keynes City Orchestra
Annual General Meeting
6.30pm on Wednesday 20th February 2008**

The AGM of Milton Keynes City Orchestra will take place on Wednesday 20th February 2008 at Milton Keynes Theatre, 6.30pm in the Napleton Room. It will be followed by a Patrons Supper at Bella Italia Restaurant, just around the corner from the Theatre, at 8pm – a booking form is enclosed for your return.

We currently have an elected Board of seven including David Knapman as Treasurer and Peter Butler as Company Secretary. In addition we have co-opted Jan Lloyd to the Board.

Joe Clinch and Don Macdonald will be retiring at the AGM and standing down from the Board having each served a full term and made a significant contribution to the development of the Orchestra. David Knapman and Ted Payton come to the end of their formal term of membership and offer themselves for co-option to the Board for a further year of service and I will be delighted to have them both back with the Board next year where their skills and experience are very valuable to us. Jan also offers her continued services and, now a Patron of the Orchestra, will stand for election as Board member.

Our Articles permit us to have up to nineteen members on the Board, of which twelve are elected, although I don't believe we have ever had that many! I am, as Chairman, very happy that your Board is enthusiastic, and working hard on your behalf. A little more representation from the ladies and from ethnic minority groups, however, would be most welcome.

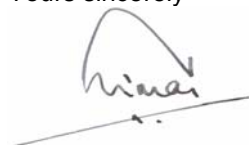
If you would like to offer your services and to stand yourself, or nominate someone else to, enclosed you will find a note setting out the legal duties of directors and a nomination form. Please note that each nomination must be supported by five patrons who will need to sign the nomination form where indicated and this form should be returned to the Orchestra's office by 6th February 2008. Please send in any nominations on the enclosed form having, of course, ascertained that the person nominated has agreed to stand and has read the literature enclosed.

If you would like further information on the legal responsibilities of a director you can find information published by the Charities Commission on the Orchestra's new web site www.mkco.org – click through to the Patrons section and you will find all the AGM documents available to download.

If you have any queries please do feel free to telephone Anna or the team in the office on the telephone number shown on this letterhead.

I look forward very much to seeing you at the AGM where your Board will present last years results, bring you up to date with the developments so far this year, and set out how our plans for the future are evolving.

Yours sincerely



Simon Cuthbertson
Chairman