

FRIENDS OF THE CENTRE FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS

Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at
NOTRE DAME SCHOOL HALL, SATURDAY 12 October 2019 at 1pm

	The event opened with a short performance by CYM student soloists and ensembles. Thanks to all performers and tutors	
Present	<p>Officers: Christine Bisatt (Chair), Maria Power (co-Treasurer), Laurence Markantonis (fundraising), Nigel Tudman (Upbeat co-Editor) plus Geoff Harniess, Director of CYM London.</p> <p><u>Attendees:</u> Cathy Riley, Gill Tarlton, Andrew McGee, Tom Deveson (CYM), Ogu Nnachi, Manuela Abbate, Nikita Kardakov, Lucy Underhill, Claudia Canova, Sophie Ogunbiji, Van Quan, Steven Leung, Rima Bajpai, Wendy Pearce, Matthew Bell, Stephen Byrne, Kirsten Walton, Eung Sabczak, Sylvia Tran, Andrew Choi, Keiran Minshull, Marie Minshull, Eric Levenez, Dory Aram, Grace Cao, Mitra Karvandi-Smith, Ana Maria Rubiano Prieto, Bobby Colindaba, Milena Danisansugaro, Noni Magdalen, Rosie Bigmore, Mauricio Rigosera, Lucy Perry, Bridgit Bose, Adam Goldstein.</p>	
Apologies	Sarah Parish (Vice Chair) Dagmar Morton (Canteen Coordinator/ Membership Secretary), Judith Robinson (Open Day Coordinator) Laura Farrelly, Kate Finch, Ralph Dew, Daniele Lamarche, Heather Lodder, Cleo El Shwarby, Natasha Wood, James Kavanagh, Shelley Eugene, Jen Grenside	
Minutes	Minutes of the 2018 AGM were agreed and signed as a true record	
Chair report: Christine Bisatt	<p>The Chair Christine Bisatt reported on another busy and successful academic year 2018-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The friendly atmosphere in the canteen is often commented on, especially by new parents. The hard work that goes into this needs the support of many active Friends. • The impressive Upbeat magazine, created by a Friends team led by Nigel Tudman and Dagmar Morton • Photography, chaperoning, etc and ad hoc fundraising events e.g. the pop-up music sale events run by ex-parent Ralph Dew. Laurence Markantonis has led on all other significant FCYM fundraising initiatives for the past few years • FCYM Treasurer Adeline Chan has now stepped down and Maria Power has taken over the role. Adeline will stay involved as Vice Chair and as online bank signatory • Ex-parent Sarah Parish (previous Vice chair) has offered to continue running external concert refreshments for FCYM. She is also happy to share the role • Finally: please note the date: Friends & Friends Alumni Social Event on Saturday 16 November 2019. A chance to celebrate and also raise funds for 50th celebration and bursary fund. 	

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<p>Finance report: Maria Power</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounts show a small profit of just under £600 at the end of 18-19, but funds are secure, as FCYM has a balance of over £22,000 at year end. • FCYM currently has a handful of regular donors, but the Canteen provides the majority of Friends income • Income in 2018-21 has been spent on supporting the production of Upbeat magazine, and the purchase of instruments and other supplies for CYM, including: • a Brand-new drum kit for the Percussion dept and the refurbishment of CYM's most prestigious piano • After a gap left by the death of long-term Friend Jeffrey Ellis the charity plans to re-submit a Gift Aid claim on donations made over the past few years. 	
<p>FCYM activities</p>	<p>A rolling programme of fundraising events happen, please let any of us know if you can help with donations, or sales and collections. Donations of books and accessories are always welcome.</p>	
<p>Canteen report: Dagmar Morton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dagmar has led the co-ordination of canteen for the last 2 years. She is looking for more help with this next year as her child will be leaving in July 2020. The role includes • Stock-taking, organising cake sales and canteen rota • Need also needed from sandwich makers, cake makers, canteen helpers and with end of term cake sales • Also happy for new suggestions • Dagmar also looks after the Subscribing Friends – mainly grandparents/old parents of alumni/family friends who like to keep in touch and receive Upbeat through the post. All for £20 for a year subscription. • We need someone to coordinate this list 3 times a year to ensure they get their magazine. 	
<p>Upbeat Report: Nigel Tudman</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CYM's termly magazine is produced and distributed by FCYM. • Covers all the activities over the term • Ex-Chair Nicy Roberts has been editor for 10 years and now has co-editor Nigel Tudman and a team supporting her. We need more volunteers to help with editing/ proof reading and particularly photography – especially in the lead up to CYM's 50th Anniversary • Back issues of Upbeat are available on CYM's website. All current families get a copy in the post • Also looking for children to write articles about musical experiences • Help with distribution always needed – stuffing envelopes and getting copies out to music shops, venues, waiting rooms etc. The perfect tool to publicise the Centre across London. • Photos for upbeat also goes to social media esp for 50th • Alumni are getting in touch and CYM now setting up a sound cloud account. 	

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<p>Report by Geoff Harniess, Head of CYM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last year CYM was lucky enough to offer a number of professional masterclasses – including vocal, harp, string quartet, violin and jazz. • A new office system means that all CYM events for the whole year will be advertised well in advance. <p>This coming year, highlights include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a collaboration with ECHO – which promotes young upcoming artists to perform in concerts and workshops around Europe • On <u>10th June 2020</u> at the Barbican CYM will host its 50th anniversary concert. The following year (2021) the LSSO becomes 70. • An associated ‘Young at Heart’ campaign run by the Foundation for Young Musicians (FYM) is trying to raise £1 million to support student bursaries 	
<p>Nomination of FCYM Officers for 2019-20</p>	<p>Chair – Christine Bisatt Vice chair – Adeline Chan Treasurer – Maria Power Membership secretary – Dagmar Morton Minutes – Sally Kelly</p> <p>All nominated and seconded in post for 2019-2020</p>	
<p>AOB: Subscribing Friends Membership arrangements</p>	<p>The Chair asked the meeting to agree a change in the Subscribing Friends membership arrangements. Previously an annual subscription (£20) would give a SF 3 copies of Upbeat and one free ticket to the Annual Concert. It was formally agreed to change the offer to only Upbeat magazine from 2019-20. This would mean that subscriptions could be counted as Gift Aid as they didn’t include a financial incentive.</p>	
	<p>The meeting finished with a performance by the Junior Choir, led by Lynda Richardson.</p>	