



STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES OF GREYFRIARS OPERA

A LETTER WAS SENT BY MR. COMOTTO TO SOME, BUT NOT ALL, SHAREHOLDERS IN THE WINCHELSEA LITTLE SHOP ASSOCIATION WHICH SUGGESTED THAT GREYFRIARS OPERA WISHED TO GAIN CONTROL OF THE WLSA FUNDS. THIS LETTER SOUGHT TO INFLUENCE THE WAY IN WHICH THE RECIPIENTS MIGHT VOTE IN THE ELECTION OF WLSA COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

WE REFUTE THIS SUGGESTION AND WE WISH IT TO BE KNOWN THAT GREYFRIARS OPERA HAS NO INTEREST IN THE FUNDS HELD BY THE WLSA, NOR HAS IT EVER CONSIDERED THE POSSIBILITY OF ACCESS TO SUCH FUNDS

GREYFRIARS OPERA IS A REGISTERED CHARITY (NO 1123030), THE AIM OF WHICH IS TO DISPERSE TO OTHER CHARITIES AND DESERVING CAUSES THE SURPLUS FROM ITS FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES, NAMELY, THE PRODUCTION OF MUSICAL AND OPERATIC EVENTS.

THIS YEAR'S EVENT WILL BE OUR FIFTH MIDSUMMER OPEN AIR OPERA.

ALL PROCEEDS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A SMALL FUND FOR PRODUCING THE NEXT YEAR'S OPERA, GO TO CHARITY.

GREYFRIARS OPERA HAS DONATED FUNDS TO THE FOLLOWING CHARITIES;

ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE
FRIENDS OF THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS
DEMELZA HOUSE CHILDRENS HOSPICE
SIMCAS
HASTINGS AND ROTHER COUNSELLING SERVICE
RYE MEMORIAL CARE CENTRE
SEA CADETS
HOME PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICE
HELP FOR HEROES
CRY IN THE DARK
ST THOMAS'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
SARAH LEE TRUST

AT THE END OF THIS YEAR'S EVENT IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE TOTAL DONATED TO THESE CHARITIES WILL BE OF THE ORDER OF £130,000.

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