



The Scottish Recorder Orchestra

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Conductor: Eileen Silcocks

Chair: Philip Smith

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Dear Member

**Scottish Recorder Orchestra 2007-2008**

The hard work put in during rehearsals by orchestra members last year, and that of Eileen, our conductor, culminated in a memorable concert in Queen's Cross Church in Aberdeen. There was a good turnout, and the Aberdeen branch of the SRO were very hospitable. I hope the next season will be as enjoyable. Eileen plans to take the orchestra to Dortmund in May. We begin our sixth season on September 9<sup>th</sup> and we can look forward to a varied and interesting programme.

The dates for the 2007-2008 season - 1.45 for a 2.00 start at St Columba's Church, Stirling - are: 9 September, 11 November, 9 December, 13 January 2008, 10 February, 9 March, 13 April and 8 June.

A residential weekend at Gartmore House is planned for October 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, with tutors Eileen and Dietrich. Prices depend on the facilities and number sharing. This **must** be paid by the September meeting at the latest. This is an opportunity for concentrated practice and learning the music, and we hope as many orchestra members as possible will be able to come; limited places may be available for non-members.

The orchestra is planning a trip to Dortmund next year, 1-5 May 2008, including a concert together with Dietrich's recorder orchestra, which should prove to be interesting.

Eileen has proposed a programme including Renaissance Dance music, Schmelzer: Sonata a 7, Schnabel: Symphony No. 1, Mendelssohn: Andante from the Italian Symphony, together with some jazz!

The subscription will be £40 this year and should be paid on September 9<sup>th</sup>, if at all possible.

The orchestra welcomes new and former members with a good standard of playing and sight-reading. New members can also pick up a full membership form at the first meeting, or from the website, [www.sro.org.uk](http://www.sro.org.uk).

I look forward to seeing you at the first rehearsal on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely

Philip Smith