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★ **THE CECILIAN SOCIETY** ★
UNIVERSITY of GLASGOW

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WEEKEND

Friday 26th – Sunday 28th October 2012

The Cecilian Society, University of Glasgow was formed on 18th October 1952, with the aim of “furtherance of interest in music, particularly within the student body of the University of Glasgow.” Alongside lectures and concert trips, the society quickly expanded into performing and our first opera in 1955, Gilbert & Sullivan’s *The Pirates of Penzance*, paved the way for the spectacular productions of music theatre for which the society is known. The Society is made up of more than just those who tread the boards, however, and over the last six decades has seen any number of choirs, concert parties, folk groups, contemporary music ensembles, technical crew and orchestral musicians among its number. Whatever brought these people together, and whatever talents they may have brought with them (or discovered once they came), these people all shared the Society’s aim of having fun through music – and have fun they did. Wherever Cecilian alumni are gathered together (and they are often unearthed in the most unusual of places), tales will be told well into the small hours of the morning: the only thing more famed than the Cecilian concert is the Cecilian party.

And of course it’s only fitting that a Cecilian party is thrown to celebrate our 60th birthday. We will be holding a number of events over the course of the weekend 26th – 28th October 2012, and we hope that as many Cecilians as possible, young and old, will be able to come and take part in what promises to be an extremely memorable weekend: to help us celebrate all that we have achieved in the last 60 years, reminisce over good times past, and look forward to good times future whilst, no doubt, having a few good times in the present.

CELEBRATION WEEKEND

Friday 26th October

The celebrations begin on Friday evening with a birthday ceilidh. There will be a chance to catch up with other Cecilians from your era in relaxed surroundings as well as finding out what is happening in the Cecilian Society of 2012. A light buffet will be provided and at its centrepiece, of course, a large birthday cake. Following the reunions, the food and drink will continue whilst a ceilidh band strikes up to get the party going.

Saturday 27th October

For those of you who wish to take an active part in Sunday evening's concert, rehearsals will begin on the University campus on Saturday morning and continue throughout Saturday and Sunday. Plenty of time will be made available for those of you who have left the area to discover the changes in Glasgow's west end at your leisure. Saturday evening is given over to a relaxed karaoke – an excellent opportunity for a drink with the current membership or the chance to catch up with long-lost friends.

Sunday 28th October

Sunday evening will form the focus of our birthday celebrations. A specially formed chorus of Cecilian members past and present will present a concert encapsulating the spirit of 60 years of Cecilian history, featuring a wide variety of musical styles and tastes – something for everyone.

Once the concert has concluded, there will be a brief interlude to allow for costume changes, after which we will convene for a formal dinner to conclude the weekend's festivities. After this, who knows where the Cecilian party will take us!

For those of you who have moved away from the area, accommodation will be available at discounted rates in the hotel where we will be dining, although there is a large selection of other accommodation nearby if this is not to your taste. Please get in touch with us if you would like more details about this.

FRIENDS OF THE SOCIETY

The Society has seen an enormous amount of progress over the last sixty years, but some things never change. Sixty years of Cecilian life means there have been sixty different committees worrying about financial losses. Please consider helping us out by becoming an official Friend of the Society.

For a minimum annual donation of just £25 (or £45 for a couple), you will receive a variety of benefits including Society newsletters, free programmes at all our shows, and complimentary tickets for our Weekend Show, as well as being listed on our website and in our programmes.

To become a Friend of the Society, or to get more information, you can either email vice-president@ceciliansociety.co.uk, or indicate your interest on the registration form and we'll get in touch with you. We hope to hear from you soon!

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete the below to indicate which events over the course of the weekend you would like to participate in, and return to the address at the bottom of the page by **Sunday 30th September 2012**.

Please note that a seat at the Anniversary Dinner includes admission to, or participation in, the Anniversary Concert. It is up to you whether you wish to take part in the Anniversary Concert, or simply watch and enjoy. If you wish to participate, rehearsals will be held during the day on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th. Spouses/partners are welcome at all events – just fill in the table as appropriate.

EVENT	COST	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Whole Weekend	£50		
Birthday Ceilidh (Friday 26 th)	£10		
Anniversary Concert (Sunday 28 th)	£10/£7		
Anniversary Dinner (Sunday 28 th)	£40		
Become a Friend of the Society *	£25/£45		
GRAND TOTAL			

* You may either include this amount in your grand total now, or omit it and opt to be contacted by the Vice-President at a later date.

I wish to: participate in the concert as a performer watch the concert as an audience member.

I wish to pay by (delete as appropriate):

- cheque, payable to 'The Cecilian Society' and enclosed with this form.
- bank transfer to The Cecilian Society, sort code 80-07-24, account number 00227606, with a reference of '60th' and the name(s) of the attendee(s).

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Telephone _____

Email _____

Please outline any special (e.g. dietary) requirements you may have:

We hope to be able to produce a reunion contact list after the event to help members stay in touch. This would only be available to those whose details were on the list, and these details would never be passed to third parties. If you do not wish to be included on this list, please tick here:

THE SOCIETY AND YOU

Please help us to build up our records by telling us about your involvement with the Society.
Which of the following productions/years were you involved in? (Circle/delete/highlight as appropriate!)

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| 2012 Oklahoma! | 1984 The Pirates of Penzance / Kiss Me, Kate |
| 2011 Anything Goes / Our House | 1983 The Yeomen of the Guard / Orpheus in the Underworld |
| 2010 Back to the 80s! / The Wedding Singer | 1982 Ruddigore / The Gypsy Baron |
| 2009 Bugsy Malone / On With the Show: A Musical Revue / Carmen - The Musical | 1981 Iolanthe / Die Fledermaus |
| 2008 Calamity Jane / Sweeney Todd | 1980 The Gondoliers / La Vie Parisienne |
| 2007 Disco Inferno / Oklahoma! | 1979 Patience / The Merry Widow |
| 2006 Back to the 80s! / Fiddler on the Roof | 1978 The Yeomen of the Guard / A Night in Venice |
| 2005 Bugsy Malone / Kiss Me, Kate | 1977 The Sorcerer / Trial By Jury / Orpheus in the Underworld |
| 2004 Boogie Nights / Guys and Dolls | 1976 The Mikado / The Bartered Bride |
| 2003 Once on This Island / The Wizard of Oz / West Side Story | 1975 La Vie Parisienne / Die Fledermaus |
| 2002 50th Anniversary Concert / The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas / How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying | 1974 Iolanthe / The Gondoliers |
| 2001 Grease / Anything Goes | 1973 The Merry Widow / La Vie Parisienne |
| 2000 Bugsy Malone / Oklahoma! | 1972 The Yeomen of the Guard / The Pirates of Penzance / Trial By Jury |
| 1999 Sweet Charity / Return to the Forbidden Planet | 1971 Die Fledermaus |
| 1998 Guys and Dolls | 1970 The Mikado / Orpheus in the Underworld |
| 1997 45th Anniversary Concert / Cabaret | 1969 Iolanthe |
| 1996 Bugsy Malone | 1968 The Merry Widow |
| 1995 Calamity Jane | 1967 Veronique |
| 1994 The Pirates of Penzance / How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying | 1966 The Bartered Bride |
| 1993 Godspell / Guys and Dolls | 1965 La Vie Parisienne |
| 1992 Trial By Jury / 40th Anniversary Concert / The Gondoliers | 1964 Die Fledermaus |
| 1991 Ruddigore / Half a Sixpence | 1963 The Sorcerer / Trial By Jury |
| 1990 Starship Pinafore / Trial By Jury | 1962 The Mikado |
| 1989 The Pirates of Penzance | 1961 The Gondoliers |
| 1988 Calamity Jane | 1960 Iolanthe |
| 1987 Oklahoma! / The Yeomen of the Guard | 1959 Merrie England |
| 1986 Patience / The Pajama Game | 1958 H.M.S. Pinafore |
| 1985 The Mikado / Guys and Dolls | 1957 Ruddigore |
| | 1956 The Mikado |
| | 1955 The Pirates of Penzance |
| | 1954 / 1953 / 1952 |

Please use the space below to tell us more about your involvement, e.g. cast / committee / production team / tech crew / orchestra. Feel free to include any amusing anecdotes for our souvenir brochure, or information on any old photos, videos, posters, recordings etc. that you would be willing to let us borrow or even copy. Continue on an extra sheet or email us at the address below if necessary!

Remember to also have a look at our website for even more news and info. Thank you for registering and we look forward to seeing you at the celebrations!

– The 60th Anniversary Sub-Committee