

PRESS RELEASE

ORCHESTRA RECEIVES AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARTS



The Farnborough Symphony Orchestra is the 2011 winner of the Devereux Cup, which is awarded annually to a local Rushmoor organisation which has made an outstanding contribution to the community in the field of the Performing Arts. The cup was instituted in 1995 by Pat Devereux, then the Mayor of Rushmoor, to encourage development of the Arts in the region.

The Orchestra was presented with the award on Saturday by the Mayor of Rushmoor, Councillor Alex Crawford, who attended the final concert of the symphony orchestra's season in Princes Hall, Aldershot. In his speech, the Mayor remarked on the long history of the Orchestra in Farnborough and paid tribute to the excellence of their music making.



Commenting on the award, Leader of the Orchestra, Tessa Welford said, "We are delighted that our contribution to music in the Rushmoor region has been recognised. As a group of dedicated musicians, we love live performance and it is rewarding to be able to share the experience with a loyal audience drawn from this locality."

The Farnborough Symphony Orchestra's next event is Classic Praise, a collaboration with St Peter's Church, Farnborough, which takes place on 26th June at 15:00 at St Peter's Church. Tickets are available from the Church Office (01252 513111). Details of this event and next season's programme may be found on the website www.farnboroughsymphony.org.uk.

The Farnborough Symphony Orchestra serves the local community in North East Hampshire and West Surrey and is supported by Rushmoor Borough Council, Hampshire County Council, Slough Estates and Making Music. It aims to perform a varied programme of orchestral music to a high standard and provide its members with the opportunity to play a symphonic repertoire under a professional conductor.

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