

## **Oundle International Festival** The Sound of Oundle

Looking forward ... certainly, to all the twenty one events at this year's Festival and Looking back ... with pleasure to the last fifteen years in which the Festival has developed and prospered. But beyond that, our theme has a gentle pre-millenium association, one which has prompted us to prepare a collation as obviously diverse as it is unified.

From the razz of trad jazz and the delicate dalliances of mediaeval love songs, to popular orchestral classics and a thrilling contemporary concerto, there is variety aplenty; haunting church music, cabaret, comedy, art exhibitions, celebrity organ recitals, and concerts at twilight; all find their place in the jigsaw that is our 1999 programme.

We are delighted that you have found your way to the Festival, one which as usual introduces stunningly talented young musicians alongside artists of established distinction. The nurture of talented young organists in particular remains one of our primary objectives. Eighty applied for the sixty places on this year's summer school, eager for the chance to study with some of the greatest luminaries in the organ world. As a new feature, those on the Advanced Academy course will reside in Cambridge for three days of their week, equipped with the keys to many of the wonderful college organs. Observers may attend the organ classes; do ask for details.

We extend a warm welcome to our new principal sponsor, Lindmere Mercedes-Benz, and express warm appreciation for their splendid support, which has happily been matched by a grant from the government's Pairing Scheme. Many other companies, trusts, professional bodies and individuals have shown their confidence in the Festival and we are extremely grateful to them all. Thanks too, as ever, to Oundle School for their essential assistance and co-operation.

On with the music!

Iames Parsons Director



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