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Oundle International Festival and Oundle for Organists 10 – 19 July 2009

Oundle INTERNATIONAL festival

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS



party 1 a social gathering usu. of invited guests 2 a body of persons engaged in an activity or travelling together 3 a group of people united in a cause

OK – that sounds about right!

Welcome to the party!

Undoubtedly *Oundle*... has enjoyed success and received recognition since we opened for business in 1985. Over 25 years, development and survival have been nudged by feedback, and in a national cultural scene where quite a few arts and educational initiatives have flourished then foundered, we have survived to a position of modest prominence. Thrift, long hours, and enthusiasm, allied to an occasional readiness to risk, have all played their part. But essentially it's just been a huge privilege! Nothing could have taken root without the enthusiasm and generosity of - Sponsors and Partners, Friends of the Festival and Volunteers, Trust Funds and public bodies, Advertisers, Cathedrals and Churches and Colleges and Schools and Teachers and professional and student organists, concert-goers - all extended on a scale we could never have anticipated. Thank you, all of you, for joining us on the journey!

Everything offered on 'day one' is still represented this July. Programming was actually a doddle given the plethora of famous composer anniversaries presenting in 2009 – no less than nine of them commemorated here this week. And, to build upon the exhilaration of staging Community Opera in 2007, and connecting with our feature of Czech music, here comes *The Cunning Little Vixen*.

The Oundle for Organists summer schools welcome star tutor teams both here and in Oxford. Our artists are superbly articulate communicators, in their music, and as we expect, socially too at the Club. Do make the organ recitals a special feature of your Festival experience this year and also support the emergent talent of our student organists.

At the outset, the *Oundle*... formula was simple, if unusual: a summer school addressing a specialist activity, linked to a number of diversely-programmed concerts to attract a paying public. The elements interacted with compelling synergy: it was eccentric and concentrated – all in one unlikely place during one short '*Oundle International Organ Week*'. Over time, all elements of the nucleus have exploded into ambitious and extended realisations: Oundle International Festival is now a multi-faceted arts and educational movement, operating round the year, throughout the UK.

Welcome investment from Arts Council England, enabling the appointment of Creative and Development Associates, a fresh home at 4 New Street, and *Oundle Music Trust* as the new name for the promotional body - all presage exciting change. More to follow.

Now – simply – let's party! (• v.tr & intr. entertain at or attend a party or parties)

Bubbly's on ice at The Club!

James Parsons
Patricia Ryan

Festival Club

Refreshments – wine and soft drinks – will be available at all concerts where stated.

A warm welcome also awaits you at the Festival Club in Milton Road, which will be open every evening after concerts until 11pm.