

President/Secretary's Report 2010-2011
Music in Peebles Scottish Charity: SC006906

The objectives of Music in Peebles are to bring quality chamber music to as wide an audience as possible in the Peebles area, engage musicians of the highest calibre and give opportunities to young artists striving to build their careers. We also aim to provide music of a variety of styles, taking into account the music brought to Peebles by other music promoters.

These objectives were met with a programme of five concerts and one lecture in 2010/11 (our 64th season):
Doric String Quartet, on Monday 11 October 2010
Michael Collins and Michael McHale on Thursday 11 November 2010
Philip Higham and Simon Lane on Tuesday 7 December 2010, followed by a social evening
Passacaglia Baroque Quintet on Wednesday 19 January 2011
Derek Watson lecture 'Liszt and Scotland' on Tuesday 1 February 2011
Atrium String Quartet on Tuesday 15 March 2011

Music in Peebles had over 70 members in 2009/10. In addition, about 30 non-members regularly attended the concerts. The concert on 7 December took place despite severe winter weather (-15 °C in Peebles).

We continued to win substantial grant support from Enterprise Music Scotland. In 2010/11, total income approximately equaled total expenditure, including the transfer of an additional £1000 to the piano fund.

The success of Music in Peebles depends upon the efforts of many people. Special thanks are due to the treasurer Derek McLachlan, for keeping the accounts, raising grant support and dealing with membership; to committee and other members for a successful Strawberry Tea and Tombola on 24 July 2010; to the Press Secretary Alan Herd, the Minute Secretary Rosemary Hamilton, John Fox for helping with future bookings and preparing Programme Notes and to Alison Cruickshanks for page turning. I am also grateful to the honorary president, Elizabeth Luke, for her continued support.

This year we are sad to report the loss our Vice-President, Derek Arthur, who died suddenly on 9 October 2010.

Melvin Cannell is stepping down from the committee after serving four years as Treasurer and three years as President/Secretary. John Fox will take over as Secretary and the new committee will assign other roles. We are delighted to welcome Tony Bell to the committee.

We are also grateful to the staff and volunteers of the Eastgate Theatre for their work in selling tickets and programmes, caring for the piano, advertising, attending to the needs of musicians and managing the auditorium.

The Music in Peebles programme in 2011/12 will be:
Edinburgh Quartet on Tuesday 4 October 2011
Zambra Wind Quintet on Tuesday 1 November 2011
Alexander Romanovsky on Wednesday 30 November 2011
Gina McCormack and Nigel Clayton on Thursday 12 January 2012
Andrea and Djordje Gajic on Tuesday 31 January 2012
The Fournier Piano Trio on Tuesday 21 February 2012
St Mary's Music School on Tuesday 6 March 2012
Scottish Chamber Choir on Saturday 24 March 2012

Melvin G R Cannell (Trustee; President and Secretary)