

GRANGE PARK OPERA

150 Pioneers

Appeal 2017

JOANNA LUMLEY, PATRON TO THE 150 PIONEERS

“ West Horsley Place is a glorious sprawling ancient house, grand but welcoming, formal gardens with secret corners for picnickers and gazebos, a sense of history and occasion, a crinkle crankle wall extending the length of one garden and beyond into the orchard (too majestic to describe) and barns, outbuildings, aged trees and box hedges.

It was waiting to be reborn through the generosity of Bamber Gascoigne, and the energy and passion of everyone who loves Grange Park Opera.

What happens there will be a gift to lovers of opera, as well as young audiences and will breathe new life into this demi-Eden.

150 vital Pioneers will help build the Theatre in the Woods. I hope you will join us. ”

THE THEATRE IN THE WOODS

embracing the pioneering spirit

SOPWITH Surrey aviator
£20,000

A NAMED STEP ON A STAIRCASE

Thomas Sopwith's first solo flight in 1910 crashed after 300 yards. Soon after he won a £4,000 prize for the longest flight from England to Europe in a British built plane (169 miles in 3 hrs 40 mins.) using the winnings to set up the Sopwith School of Flying at Brooklands. The Sopwith Aviation Company received its first military aircraft order in 1912 and from premises in Kingston upon Thames produced 18,000+ World War I planes, including 5,747 Sopwith Camel single-seat fighters.

TURING breaker of the Enigma code
£50,000

A COLUMN IN THE ATRIUM

Alan Turing was undoubtedly a genius. He was also a long-distance runner (he occasionally ran the 40 miles from Bletchley Park to London to attend meetings), he was prone to hay fever (in the first week of June he would wear a gas mask whilst cycling to the office) and cherished his mug (he chained it to the radiator to prevent it being stolen).

SPUTNIK the first artificial Earth satellite
£100,000

A ROW IN THE STALLS

In 1957 the Soviet Union launched Sputnik, a 23" diameter metal sphere with four antennae to broadcast radio pulses. Clearly visible from earth, it caused consternation and triggered the Space Race. The satellite transmitted signals for 21 days until the batteries ran out. The term *beatnik* was inspired by Sputnik.

150 PIONEERS

(Some pioneers may wish to spread the donation over 3-5 years)

- * will be celebrated in February 2017 at an elegant dinner in London
- * will be given priority to dine in the house: *Turings & Sputniks* first priority; *Sopwiths* second priority
- * may use the red drawing room before the performance
- * will have priority to buy tickets for the opening in June 2017
- * will be acknowledged in the theatre, the Festival Programme and online for 30 years
- * *Sopwiths* will be invited to book early for 10 seasons and to two post-performance parties per season (*subject to capacity*)
- * *Turings & Sputniks* will be invited to book early for life and invited to post-performance parties at all attendances (*subject to capacity*)

HADRON COLLIDERS
£200,000+

Naming opportunities for five boxes, the atrium, the upper tier, the balcony, the grand tier and the stage (*prices on request*)

APPEAL 2017

Joint chairs

Sir David Davies
Dame Vivien Duffield

Patrons

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