

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure & Arts Services Committee– 16 September 2002

REPORT ON: Royal Scottish National Orchestra

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure & Arts

REPORT NO: 517-2002

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval to award a grant to Royal Scottish National Orchestra towards the cost of Concerts at the Caird Hall

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Committee authorises the payment of the grant of £18,000.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The grant of £18,000 can be met from the Leisure & Arts Department's 2002/2003 revenue budget.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Royal Scottish National Orchestra makes a significant contribution to the Local Agenda theme "opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation are readily available for all".

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Particular consideration is given to applications, which prioritise or maximise community involvement, generating interaction within specific groups, communities and organisations.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 Royal Scottish National Orchestra will perform a total of 6 concerts at the Caird Hall. The 2002/2003 season will see the RSNO performing the following programme:-

- Wednesday 30 October. – The RSNO's distinguished Conductor Emeritus Walter Weller opens the season with Schubert's haunting Rosamunde Overture, followed by Tchaikovsky's thrilling 5th Symphony and Mozart's Bassoon Concerto with the RSNO's own Principal Bassoonist Julian Roberts.
- Wednesday 20 November sees the RSNO return with former Tokyo Quartet First Violinist Peter Oundjian making his RSNO conducting debut with a programme that includes Benjamin Britten's Four Seas Interludes from Peter Grimes and Elgar's Cello Concerto performed by the young British cellist Natalie Clein.
- Wednesday 18 December sees the now well established performance of the RSNO Bank of Scotland Christmas Concert, which this year will see the Orchestra being joined on stage by the RSNO Chorus.
- Wednesday 12 February 2003 sees the RSNO first concert of the New Year when they perform the St Valentine's Concert. This evening of romantic greats for lovers young and old will see American Conductor William Eddins make his RSNO debut alongside pianist Freddy Kempf. Wednesday 26 February will see the RSNO Associate Conductor Garry Walker perform his interpretation of Mahler's Fifth Symphony.
- Wednesday 2 April will see the last concert of the season when Maestro Alexander Lazarev performs a programme that includes Strauss's Don Juan, Mozart's Piano Concerto No.23 performed by the pianist Grigory Sokolov and Prokofiev's Sixth Symphony

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Support Services, Director of Finance and Director of Corporate Planning have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None

Director of Leisure & Arts..... Date.....