



Manchester Camerata are delighted to announce that Gaeia (Global and Ethical Investment Advice) are sponsoring the season launch at Manchester Town Hall on Friday 20 September 2013

Gaeia was founded in 1993 by human rights campaigner and environmental activist, Brigid Benson and is one of the UK's original ethical finance companies, perfectly fitting the ethos of Manchester Camerata.

"Gaeia is very happy to be sponsoring this special concert and the excellent outreach work that Camerata does in the wider community. Gaeia has always been a supporter of the arts in Manchester and it's a lovely way to add to our 20th anniversary celebrations" said Brigid Benson, founder of Gaeia (Global and Ethical Investment Advice).

Claire Barlow, Head of Corporate Partnerships for Manchester Camerata says, "We are delighted that Gaeia are very kindly sponsoring the opening concert of our season in Manchester. Manchester Camerata is an ambitious orchestra with a 40 year history, performing to 70,000 people annually and reaching over 10,000 people each year through our award winning Learning and Participation programme. The orchestra contributes enormously to the vitality and cultural economy of Manchester and the North West, generating £1.8 million local spend in the past year and partnerships with companies such as Gaeia are vital to us achieving our aims."

Concert details:

In Memoriam Benjamin Britten, Friday 20 September, 7.30pm, Manchester Town Hall

Inspirational Music Director, Gábor Takács-Nagy will be joined by outstanding harpist Claire Jones, who will perform Mozart's *Concerto for Flute, Harp and Orchestra* alongside Camerata's principal flute Amina Hussain. The concert will begin with the haunting music of Arvo Pärt as the orchestra performs the composer's achingly beautiful, *Cantus In Memoriam Benjamin Britten*.

Tickets on sale via The Bridgewater Hall Box Office:

In person: The Bridgewater Hall Tel: 0844 907 9000 **Online:** www.manchestercamerata.co.uk

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GAEIA (GLOBAL & ETHICAL INVESTMENT ADVICE)

- Founded by human rights campaigner and environmental activist, Brigid Benson, Gaeia now has a strong advisory team, and is part of the Castlefield Group, an employee-owned business based in Manchester, with clients throughout the UK and beyond. Being owned by its employees, clients and a charitable foundation ensures that the business is managed in a more sustainable way for the long term, rather than for the short term

gains of any individual shareholder. For more information visit www.gaeia.com or contact 0161 233 4550.

MANCHESTER CAMERATA

- Manchester Camerata is a world-class chamber orchestra whose purpose is to transform people's lives through the power of music. The orchestra is renowned for vibrant performances, innovative programming, and empowering Learning and Participation work with schools, early years, health groups and young people. The orchestra present an annual concert series in Manchester and tour throughout the UK.