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Dear Member

Since 2000 it has been possible for registered charities to reclaim from the Inland Revenue any tax paid on subscriptions and other donations, without the donor's having to undertake to continue to pay them for a number of years as happened under the old 'Deed of Covenant' scheme.

All you have to do is complete a very simple Gift Aid Declaration that can be cancelled at any time, or will be ignored if you make no further payments.

If all the current members of the Dulwich Symphony Orchestra were to make such a Declaration, we would be able to reclaim over £2000 each year. This is all made possible because we are a registered charity.

The only legal requirement is that you have to be paying enough tax during the year to cover the refund; this is currently £28 tax for each £100 you pay to the orchestra. This might even apply if you are retired, since any tax you pay can be counted, not just tax from employment.

Please complete the form overleaf and return it to the Treasurer as soon as you can – you don't have to wait for the new tax year.

Ian

DULWICH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Registered Charity No. 1100857

GIFT AID DECLARATION

Full name of donor

Full address of donor

I want the charity to treat as Gift Aid donations:

all donations or membership subscription payments I have made since 6th April 2000

AND

all donations or membership subscriptions I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise.

Signature

Date

Notes.

1. If your declaration covers donations or subscription payments you make in the future:
 - a) please notify the charity if you change your name or address while the declaration is still in force.
 - b) you can cancel the declaration at any time by notifying the charity – it will then not apply to donations you make on or after the date of cancellation or such later date as you specify.
2. During the Tax Year you must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the total tax reclaimed by all charities with which you have made Gift Aid declarations (currently claimed at the rate of 28p for each £1 you give).
3. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and/or capital gains equal to the tax that the charity reclaims, you can cancel your declaration as in Note 1.
4. If you pay tax at the higher rate you can reclaim further tax relief in your Self Assessment Tax Return
5. If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, please ask your local tax office for leaflet IR65 *Gift Aid* or look at <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/>

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