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EDITORIAL

Thank you to everyone who kindly responded to the Record Check Form (RCF) sent out in March. Following the returns, amendments have been made to our records, and an updated RCF will be sent to you for approval. Those who have renewed subscriptions for 2008 or earlier years, please accept this amended RCF as acknowledgement. Please let **Andrew King**, the Membership Secretary, know if there are still further errors. Details of how to contact the Society can be found at the foot of this Newsletter.

E-mail and the Internet

This is my first newsletter as Editor and it may be your last – in hard copy, that is! The Council of the Liszt Society has agreed that all future newsletters and details of forthcoming events should be distributed by e-mail. Using the information gathered from the recent RCFs we hope to reach most members electronically. If anyone has an e-mail address and has not informed the Society of this, please contact the Membership Secretary. We hope that this move will not only reduce the amount of paper used but cut the costs of production of the newsletter for the Society.

The Council is aware that not every member has access to the internet and/or e-mail and for those members the newsletter will be sent out in its current form.

Payment of subscriptions

The Society's Treasurer, **Chris Srawley**, is investigating ways of making the payment of subscriptions easier. Ideally, the Society would prefer if subscriptions were paid by standing order, but electronic payment (using Paypal) is being explored.

Michael Brownlee Walker**NEW MEMBERS**

The Society welcomes the following members who have joined or re-joined in recent months:

Rachel Barton Pine	Chicago, USA
Marjory Bissett	Reading, UK
Roy Cadman	Marlow, UK
Barry Elliot	Loughborough, UK
Elvira Kind	Welwyn, Herts, UK
Michael Kind	Welwyn, Herts, UK
Junko Kobayashi	London, UK
Gerald Levy	London, UK
Jim Penning	Luxembourg, Luxembourg
Peter Slade	Shrewsbury, UK
Jonas Vitaud	Paris, France

8TH INTERNATIONAL FRANZ LISZT PIANO COMPETITION, UTRECHT

The First Prize of the 8th International Franz Liszt Piano Competition has been awarded to the stupendously gifted Ukrainian pianist Vitaly Pisarenko (b. 1987) – we shall be fortunate enough to hear him at the lunchtime recital on our Annual Day (see below). Second Prize went to Nino Gvetadze from Georgia (b. 1981); Ukrainian/Hungarian Anzhelika Fuks (b. 1987) won Third Prize.

Nino Gvetadze was also awarded the Press Prize for her performance during the Semi-final. The Henk de By Incentive Prize, awarded by the jury for the best competitor up to and including 21 years of age (excluding finalists), was won by Yuhi Ozaki (Japan, 1989). The audience voted for Nino Gvetadze to win the Van Lanschot Bankiers Audience Award.

The Liszt Society's President, Leslie Howard, was a member of the international jury, alongside Janina Fialkowska, Mi-Kyung Kim, Károly Mocsári, Igor Roma, Lucas Vis, Jeffrey Swann, Arie Vardi, Rian de Waal and Oxana Yablonskaya.

LISZT SOCIETY ANNUAL DAY

The Liszt Society Annual Day and AGM will be taking place in on Friday 28th November, 2008 at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

Together with the Keyboard Charitable Trust, the Society will present **Vitaly Pisarenko**, the winner of the 2008 Liszt Competition, in a lunchtime recital.

The Liszt Day will start at around midday and finish at about 9.00pm, including the recital, a masterclass, the AGM and finishing with a concert given by the students of the GSMD. Further details regarding programmes will be included in the next *Newsletter*.

Elgin Ronayne

ROSL LISZT PRIZE

The young Australian pianist Jayson Gillham has won the Liszt Prize at this year's Royal Over-Seas League Competition. The prize is part-sponsored by the Liszt Society and was awarded for his performance of the *Rhapsodie espagnole*.

Born in Queensland in 1986, Jayson studied at the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University before moving to London to study with Christopher Elton at the Royal Academy of Music. In 2005 he won Third Prize in the London International Piano Competition and he has had numerous competition successes in his native Australia.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

"Wenn die letzten Sterne bleichen"

A previously unknown song by Liszt was published by Henle last year. It is in a bound volume, containing a preface, an introduction, a facsimile of the autograph, a realisation of the autograph and a critical commentary. All the written parts are in German & English.

The volume can be purchased at Bauer & Hieber, 48 Great Marlborough Street, London W1 and costs £39.75, plus postage. (B & H are a part of Schott & Co.)

Kenneth Souter

Consolations/Liebesträume

ISMN M-57708-610-1 £7.95

The Procession by Night/Mephisto Waltz No. 1

ISMN M-57708-642-2 £9.95

Edition Peters has recently published two volumes of Liszt piano music in Urtext editions – edited by Leslie Howard. The second volume is the first time the Two Episodes from Lenau's Faust have been published together in their piano solo versions. [www.editionpeters.com]

Michael Brownlee Walker

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

Sadly, the **2008 BBC Proms** feature not a single note of music by Liszt. However, the **2008 Edinburgh Festival** does – including songs in recitals on 14th and 19th August. [www.eif.co.uk]

Monday, 6 October, 2008 – 19.30

Wigmore Hall, London

Music by Liszt, Mendelssohn, Chopin and Graham Williams

Junko Kobayashi – piano

Monday, 13 October, 2008 – 19.30

Queen Elizabeth Hall, London

Music by Debussy and Liszt (including *Grosses konzertsolo*)

Jean-Efflam Bavouzet – piano

Thursday, 30 October, 2008 – 19.30

Queen Elizabeth Hall, London

A programme of choral music dedicated to the Virgin Mary (including Liszt *Ave maris stella*)

Harry Christophers – conductor

The Sixteen

Thursday, 13 November, 2008 – 19.30

Barbican Hall, London

Programme includes Liszt Piano Concerto No. 2

Jean-Yves Thibaudet – piano

Marin Alsop – conductor

London Symphony Orchestra

Thursday, 12 February, 2009 – 13.00

LSO St. Luke's, London

Music by Chopin and Liszt
Cedric Tiberghien – piano

Sunday, 15 March, 2009 – 15.00

Royal Festival Hall, London

Music by Schumann, Schubert/Liszt and Liszt
Boris Berezovsky – piano

FUTURE LISZT SOCIETY EVENTS

**Soirée at the home of
Council Member Dave Butt
Stonehouse, Gloucestershire**

**Soirée at the home of
Council Member Roy Cadman
Marlow**

Dates to be confirmed; all enquiries to John Davies,
388–394 Staines Road, TW14 8BT,
tel:020 8893 7288

PAST LISZT SOCIETY EVENT

Sunday 11 May 2008

Coady Green & Leslie Howard

transcription by Liszt for two pianos of
Beethoven

Symphony n° 9 in D minor, S657, "Choral"

Blüthner Piano Centre
Berkeley Square, Mayfair, London W1K 3DB

Coady Green kindly replaced Michael Brownlee Walker at the last minute, to partner Leslie Howard in this fascinating and scrupulously faithful transcription. They repeated the performance several days later at the Reform Club, and then took it to the Bulawayo Festival in Zimbabwe, where they were joined by soloists and a choir of 150 – mostly school children – in the finale. A splendid and defiant stand for joy, freedom and fairness in the travails of Mugabe's Zimbabwe!

John Davies

MEMBER NEWS

Liszt Society member **Junko Kobayashi** will be giving a Wigmore Hall recital on 6th October [details on Page 2]. She was a pupil of the Society's late President, Louis Kentner, and her programme features music by Liszt.

If any other members would like their news to be published in the next *Newsletter* please get in touch with the Membership Secretary.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please note that renewals of membership were due on **1 January 2008**. Payment must be made in **pounds sterling (£ / GBP)** and cheques made out to **'The Liszt Society'** not to individual officers of the Society. If you pay by Standing Order please remember that the rates were increased last year.

Membership subscription rates (1st January – 31st December):

UK £20 (students £10), EU £25, elsewhere £25

Additional donations are most welcome.

Please ask the Membership Secretary about making a gift of a subscription to the Liszt Society!

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