

## Operatic Society Launches Web Site

Lyme Regis Operatic Society is starting the New Year by giving their web site a complete overhaul and a new address.

[www.lymeopera.org.uk](http://www.lymeopera.org.uk) went live just before Christmas and is being gradually expanded day by day with the addition of archive material from the collections of society President Brian Manners and Honorary Life Member Winifred Broom whose combined records stretch back to 1950.

The site has been created by society press officer and vice chairman Howard Earl and is intended to serve a dual purpose. Not only as a showcase for the society's upcoming production of Orpheus in the Underworld in May but also as a record of past shows and a source of information to other societies on the shows Lyme have produced. There is information on the composers and librettists as well as lists of musical numbers and links to other sites of interest.

Describing the site, Howard Earl said: "I have tried to keep the design as simple as possible to ensure the pages load quickly. Broadband in Lyme is far away and I needed to keep in mind that a complicated site with a lot of graphics and tricks would take too long to load for most local people. The emphasis is on information that can be used as a record of the society's eighty three year history and as much research material as possible for other societies looking for inspiration will be included."

There are some gaps in the knowledge, especially before 1950 and the society is appealing to anyone who has any memorabilia or memories of the society to come forward. Some shows that Lyme put on in the early days have faded into obscurity and there is precious little information available. Old programmes, photos or reminiscences of the pre-1950 era from past members are particularly welcome. Anyone with any information is welcome to contact Howard Earl on 01297 442545. All contributions will be acknowledged.

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