



BIG PLAYERS

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Hilary Davan Wetton and the Milton Keynes City Orchestra

'Hilary Davan Wetton is the inspirational founder of the Milton Keynes City Orchestra...'



- Principal Conductor of Milton Keynes City Orchestra 1975-2007
- Principal Conductor of Wren Orchestra & Classical Roadshow
- Founder-Conductor of the Holst Singers & Scottish Schools' Orchestra
- Director of Music Stantonbury Campus, St Paul's & Tonbridge Schools.
- Musical Director of Guildford Choral Society & the City of London Choir.
- Guest Conductor with the Philharmonia, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Hanover Band, Leicester Philharmonic Choir, London Bach Orchestra, Travelling Opera, Ballet du Nord, National Children's Orchestra, Edinburgh Youth Orchestra
- Regular performer on Radio 3 with BBC Concert Orc., Ulster Orchestra.
- Regular broadcaster on Classic FM for Masterclass
- Musical consultant to the BBC1 series Play It Again – and televised in March 2007 teaching Jo Brand to play the organ.
- Conductor Emeritus of the Milton Keynes City Orchestra (MKCO)
- 17 albums recorded, 6 of them with the MKCO

'For 33 years he has been the driving force behind the quality and maintenance of the highest levels of musical integrity and performance...'

'As one of Britain's most versatile and dynamic conductors, Hilary Davan Wetton has a real commitment to young people, both through work with youth orchestras and audience building... He has also been awarded honorary degrees by the Open University (MA) and De Montfort University (DMus).'

www.mkco.org.uk



In September 2007, Hilary Davan Wetton stepped down as the MKCO's Principal Conductor, formally passing the baton to the internationally acclaimed Sian Edwards.

The Orchestra's current education and outreach activity – **Music for Life** – is being significantly expanded and developed. The 2008 season includes: a programme of 10-piece ensembles touring estates in Milton Keynes, offering interactive concerts for families and supported by workshops; projects with local family centres; side-by-side collaboration with young musicians from Milton Keynes Music Service. Confirmed support includes *Awards for All*, *Orchestra's Live* and *Milton Keynes Community Foundation*.

