



WEST LODGE PARK
YOUR COUNTRY RETREAT

Concerts at West Lodge Park Arrangements for Artists

Travel

West Lodge Park is on the A111 between Cockfosters and Potters Bar, (Exit 24 from the M25). Look for the illuminated sign at the foot of the front drive. Direction maps can be supplied. Taxis are available from Oakwood Station, (Piccadilly Line Underground), two miles away.

Rehearsal etc

Concerts take place in the Lancaster Room which is generally ready for rehearsal from about 5.15pm. Artists wishing for an earlier rehearsal should telephone the hotel duty manager to check availability. If the hotel Bechstein grand piano is being used, it will be tuned on the afternoon of the concert.

Music Stands etc

Artists should bring their own music stands and rests for cello spikes. The air conditioning sometimes causes music to blow around unless it is attached firmly to music stands.

Dress, Changing Room etc

Artists are asked to wear formal Evening attire (Dinner Jackets, and long Evening Dress). Bedrooms in the hotel can be made available to change in and take a bath.

Complimentary Guests

Due to the small size of the room and the fact that dinner and a sparkling wine reception are included in the price of the ticket, it is regretted that it is not possible to allow artists to bring complimentary guests. Pianists, however, may bring someone to turn over pages if required.

Timing

Dinner for artists is served in the Bar at 6.30pm chosen from the Lounge Menu. The first half of the concert starts after the guests have finished their main courses at dinner, which is usually about 8.45pm and normally lasts for approx 40 mins. During the interval the guests move back into the restaurant for the completion of their meal and coffee, and then return to the Lancaster Room for the 2nd part of the concert at approx 10.15pm (normally about 40 mins in length). The concert should finish at approx 10.50pm. An encore is always appreciated at the end. The guests enjoy having the artists introducing the works throughout the performance.

Departure

One of the features of the West Lodge Park concerts is that guests gather in the Front Lounge hall at the end of the evening for a cup of tea before departure. Artists are invited to join in and use the opportunity of speaking to some of the guests.

CDs and Tapes

Artists who have made recordings are welcome to bring some along. They can be sold on the hotel reception counter on a sale-or-return basis. The whole of the takings are passed to the artists afterwards.

Fee

The artists' fee is payable on invoice.

Further Information

The Host of the concerts is Managing Director, Andrew Beale. The organisers are PA to the MD, Marcia Brimson (tel: 020 8216 3904), and the Hotel General Manager, David Seward (tel: 020 8216 3940).