



MORE ABOUT I FAGIOLINI

The group was founded in 1986. In 1989 it won the Early Music Network's Young Artists competition and it now gives concerts from the BBC Proms/ European festivals to the Far East and both ends of Africa. It records for Chandos and has released 13 CDs and a DVD with Simon Callow.

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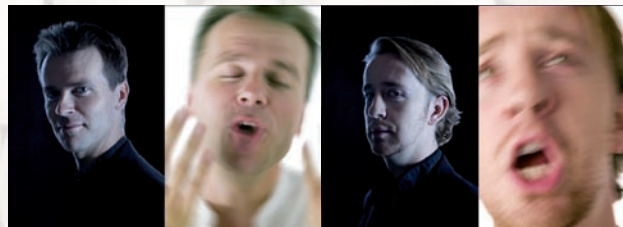


Robert Hollingworth founded *I Fagiolini* to share his favourite repertoire which is not esoteric but does need careful thought about its presentation. He is occasionally allowed out to direct other ensembles, most recently the Netherlands Chamber Choir in *Faust*, a ground-breaking project set in startling venues such as a vast Amsterdam ship-building yard

and a disused station. He directed an underground Dutch production of Monteverdi's *L'Orfeo* and conducted the BBC Concert Orchestra in a crossover project. He writes and presents programmes for BBC Radio and has worked on a number of films including *Quills*.

The Name

By the time of *I Fagiolini*'s first concert in 1986, the modern revival of early music was well under way. At New College, Oxford, (the group's home) early music was known as 'beany' music because most of its performers seemed to have an alternative lifestyle of knitted yoghurt and beans. Stuck for a name at short notice, countertenor Richard Wyn Roberts suggested 'the little beans', Robert translating it into Italian as 'it sounded nicer'. This worked well until the first trip to Italy where unfortunate slang connotations came to light. They don't go to Italy much.



There's absolutely nothing else like this on the market ... meticulous attention to detail throughout sets new standards... A triumph for I F and a benchmark for the DVD industry.

International Record Review

I Fagiolini's innovative staged presentations have brought audiences a feel for the spirit of the music beyond just its sound. Ambitious undertakings have used directors from the Royal Opera House, English National Opera and the West End and are designed different environments to make them suitable for venues all over the world.

I don't know which I admired most: the daring of the concept... the brilliance of the acting, or the consummate musicianship of the singers.

The Times

I Fagiolini tours worldwide, often as an ambassador for the British Council. Countries visited include China, USA, Northern Africa and South Africa where *Simunye* was developed.

These young singers are so at home in their own skins that the musical crossovers they create are as natural as ocean tide flowing in and out.

Business Day (South Africa)

As well as recording for Chandos/Warner, *I Fagiolini* are a regular on the BBC and the Chamber Proms.

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of *I Fagiolini*
Robert Hollingworth *director*

I Fagiolini was recently awarded the UK's highest accolade for live classical music. In May 2006 they collected the Royal Philharmonic Society Ensemble Award, the first time the award has gone to any sort of Early Music Ensemble.

I Fagiolini is the only solo-voice ensemble to mount such demanding and thought-provoking productions as *The Full Monteverdi* (2004–6), *The Birds* (2005) and *Simunye* (2006) and is now regarded as one of the world's finest and most innovative vocal groups.

What makes the group unique is its extraordinary commitment and passion. Its teamwork, memorisation of repertoire, dramatic daring and empathy with audiences worldwide has gained it an enviable reputation.

The Friends Organisation exists to allow the public further insight into *I Fagiolini*'s productions and to gain a deeper understanding of its repertoire. The organisation is administered at no cost by Robert Hollingworth and a volunteer.



BENEFITS

Friends

(£30 suggested minimum donation/£45 two people at one address)

- Opportunities to attend certain rehearsals
- Regular advance information about forthcoming concerts
- Seasonal newsletters written by the director and singers
- Free admission to pre-concert talks
- A chance to meet the performers at one of three annual events in different parts of the UK

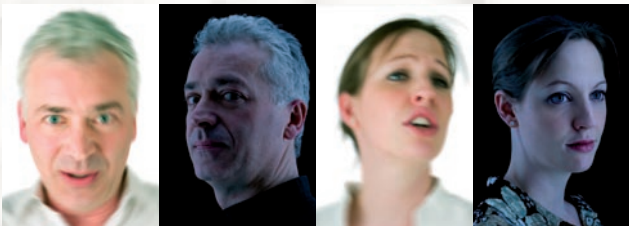
Patrons

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Some of our supporters have indicated that they would like to donate a larger sum which is of immense benefit to the work we do. Such Patrons can attend rehearsals to a wider range of projects and receive a free Fagiolini CD or DVD each year, including access to deleted titles and videos not released to the public.

A GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP

Why not give someone a year of involvement and insight into the world of *I Fagiolini*? A gift membership is very easy to arrange. Please contact us or fill in their details on this form.



How To Join

To join the Friends of *I Fagiolini* we ask you to make a donation to the *I Fagiolini Charitable Trust**, registered charity no. 1116635. Please complete this form and return it to :

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