

CONCERT INVITATION

Polly's Fund and UKSA
supporting Youth Sailing on
the Isle of Wight

invite you to

**An Evening with the
Puccini e la sua
Lucca Festival**

Hosted by
Andrea Colombini

at

Holy Trinity Church, Cowes
and afterwards at

The Royal Yacht Squadron

on

Tuesday, 12th July, 2022
commencing at 18:30hrs

Concert and a Drink
at the RYS

£25

Concert & Buffet
at the RYS

£65

or a table of 12
for **£720**

TICKETS

To order your
tickets

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help do please email
concert@uksa.org

My great friend Andrea Colombini, was born and brought up in Lucca, Italy and has been organising Puccini concerts there every day over the last 18 years. He has arranged an evening of opera bringing over two singers and a pianist at his own cost, to help us raise money for Polly's Fund and UKSA. The feeling might be that this is just another ordinary Classical concert. I am far from musical but Andrea has the knack of producing a concert to suit everyone in the audience. I have seen a number of his concerts in Lucca, a concert at Blenheim Palace and his amazing skill and passion conducting an Orchestra in Vienna.



He privately studied piano, singing, composition, counterpoint and percussion, starting to conduct in 1994. Since then performing more than 400 concerts as the head of various orchestras of national and international value.

Our extended family has been associated with the Isle of Wight since 1933, when my great-grandparents bought a house to retire to in Totland Bay. The family continue to enjoy coming to the Isle of Wight and making the most of all the wonderful opportunities it provides such as learning to sail on the River Yar and the wonderful walks.

In August 2017, only 3 months after giving birth to Ada, my cousin Polly Birch, aged 32, died of cancer. She was a vet by training, but particularly loved sailing. Her family set up a fund with the UKSA to give an opportunity to Isle of Wight children to spend a five-day sailing or water sports course for just £20, enabling them to have fun, be adventurous and learn new skills. The UKSA's mantra is to harness the power of the sea to transform the lives of young people. As a National Maritime Youth Charity and the largest RYA training centre in the world, the breadth of their courses and beneficiaries make it a truly unique organisation.

After the concert, the buffet supper is being held at the Royal Yacht Squadron.

Our family very much hope that you will be able to join us at the concert. If you are not able to attend you will be glad to hear that you can make a donation by clicking [here](#)!! If you can help in any other way do please email concert@uksa.org

Thank you in advance and I hope to see you on 12th July.

Philip Turner

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Appreciate the people around you, adventure with them, buy less stuff and go out to experience the world. Laugh, dance and have fun. Respect the world and look after the bees.