

# Before and after the Show



The Lord Mayor's Banquet



A woodland comes to Guildhall



Sir George Wyatt Truscott

## *The Presentation Dinner*

Held this year in Apothecaries' Hall, the dinner marks the Lord Mayor Elect's Presentation at the House of Lords to receive the Approbation of the Sovereign from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice. Guests included The Lord Chancellor, The Recorder of London, Black Rod, The Sheriffs and Aldermen and the City Remembrancer.

## *The Silent Ceremony*

So called because, apart from the oath sworn by the new Lord Mayor to fulfil the obligations of this office, not a word is spoken. This rarely filmed or photographed ceremony takes place in Guildhall the day before the Lord Mayor's Show and is the point at which Court Assistant Alderman Roger Gifford became the 685th Lord Mayor of London.

## *The Lord Mayor's Banquet*

At the Lord Mayor's Banquet, which is held on the Monday after the Lord Mayor's Show, the Prime Minister delivers the keynote address at one of the most prestigious events in the City's Civic Calendar. This year, the Great Hall at Guildhall was transformed with swathes of evergreens, standard shrubs, trees and flowers to emphasise with great style, the significance of the occasion. And of course the Lord Mayor will be planting a permanent woodland in Epping Forest as part of his 2013 Appeal

## *The Musicians' Company and The Mayoralty*

The Company has the privilege of including previous, distinguished Lord Mayors within its membership; the most recent being Pastmaster Sir Alan Traill. However, it is almost a century since the Worshipful Company of Musicians was the Mother Company of a Lord Mayor in office. That was in

1919, during the Mayoralty of Sir Edward Earnest Cooper, at which time he was also Master Musician. Although a member of the Musicians' Company and pre-dating Lord Mayor Cooper, the Mother Company of Sir George Wyatt Truscott (Bart) was the Stationers' Company. He is shown here as Lord Mayor in 1908 in a watercolour by 'Spy', from the Musicians' Company Archives.

## *The Company Gift*

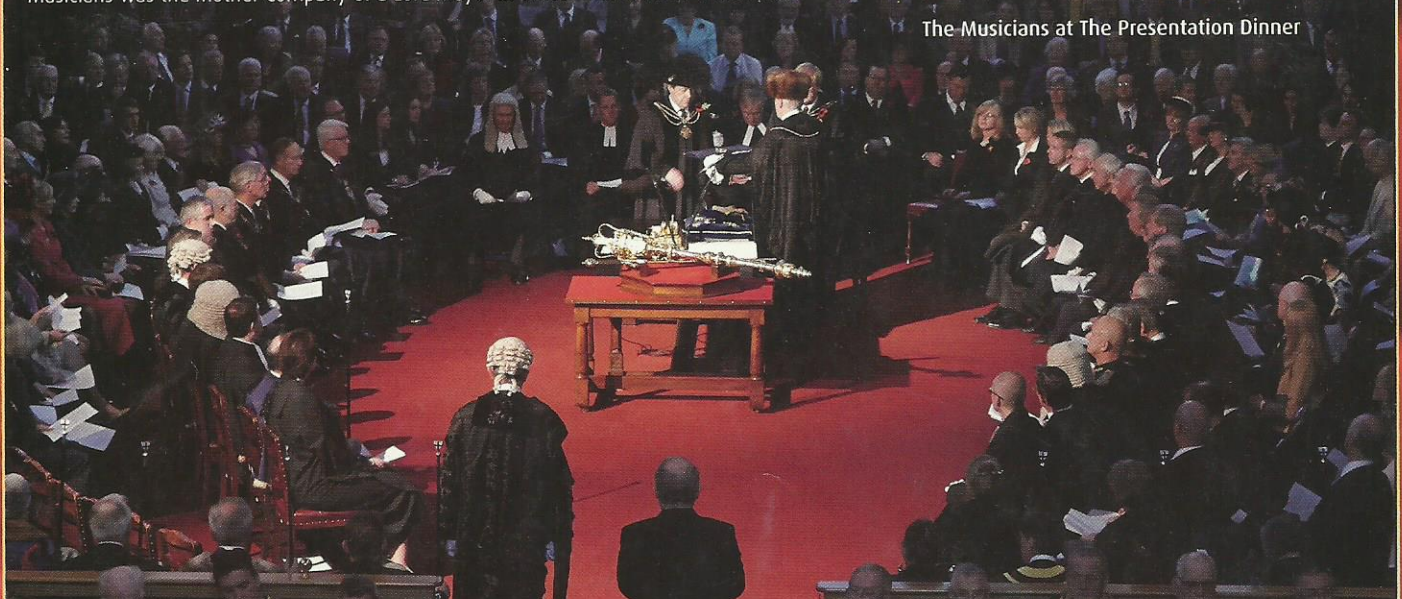
As his Mother Company, the Worshipful Company of Musicians had the honour of commissioning and presenting the new Lord Mayor with a gift to mark his taking office. Crafted by Stephen Cooper, a member of the Turners' Company, the gift is a four-sided music stand, each section of which can be adjusted independently to suit the requirements of the four musicians playing.

## *Our Thanks*

The *Preserve Harmony* editorial team would like to thank all those organisations and individuals, including many members of the Musicians' Company, for their kind help in supplying photographs. We regret that we have space to feature only a small fraction of all the excellent images received.



The Musicians at The Presentation Dinner



The Silent Ceremony



**The Worshipful Company of Musicians**  
6th Floor 2 London Wall Buildings  
London EC2M 5PP  
Tel 020 7496 8980 Fax 020 7588 3633  
E-mail [clerk@wcom.org.uk](mailto:clerk@wcom.org.uk) Web [www.wcom.org.uk](http://www.wcom.org.uk)  
Registered numbers of the Charitable Funds 310040 and 264303

Published by The Worshipful Company of Musicians 2012. Registered at Stationers' Hall. Views expressed do not necessarily reflect the opinions of either the Court or the editors. Printed by Bakershaw Limited, Tyne & Wear NE12 9SZ. Unless otherwise stated, individual contributors retain their copyrights, and no part of this publication may be reproduced without prior permission.