

Preserve Harmony



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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUCHESS OF KENT received the Honorary Freedom at Stationers' Hall on 13th October 1993.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS GAVE THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: Master, Wardens, Members of the Court of Assistants of the Worshipful Company of Musicians, I am grateful to the Master for his kind words of welcome on my admission as an Honorary Freeman of your Company. As the highest honour in your gift, I am deeply appreciative of your decision to bestow this award on me and I am proud to follow in the footsteps of the late Duke and Duchess of Kent who had the same honour conferred on them in 1932 and 1943, and thus to renew a family connection more than half a century old.

Throughout my life I have loved music in all its many forms. It will be a privilege as well as a pleasure to be associated with a Company that has, for nearly five hundred years, successfully promoted "the art or science of music" first in London and later throughout our country. I hope, too, that your motto "Preserve Harmony" can hold a wider meaning for our fellow citizens in their daily lives. I look forward to a long and happy association with your Company.