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For nearly twenty years the programmes presented by the Park Lane Group have enriched the musical scene in London and outside in a unique way. A voluntary committee (still retaining several of its original members) has sponsored more than one generation of young artists and indefatigably promoted 20th century, contemporary and little-known music of all persuasions ranging from chamber music and experimental jazz to opera.

The Park Lane Group has never been a splinter group of any kind but has sought to present the best material, providing opportunities where none existed before, and performing fine music which might otherwise remain unheard. High standards of discrimination in both programmes and presentation have become associated with all the activities of the Group, which has become nationally and internationally known through wide coverage in the Press and through BBC recordings of its programmes over many years. At a time when individual patrons are rare and public patronage increasing, the flexible and imaginative independence of the PLG is a most valuable ingredient in our musical society. This is one aspect of London's artistic life which causes it to be regarded as the musical capital of the world.

The Group has for some years received an encouraging but limited Arts Council grant for specific events within its programme as well as help from the Performing Right Society. For the rest it has been financed by small grants which have rarely been sufficient to cover all costs or to encourage the expansion which its ideas and artistic capital justify. The Group's future activities are therefore threatened through lack of financial security. On the strength of its record and the vitality that its indefinite continuity would offer, the PLG is asking for funds which are needed to cover the considerable operating deficit which has accumulated over the past ten years, to provide the clerical help in order to support the administrative tasks which have inevitably increased with the success of the whole venture, and to ensure a firm basis for the future.

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