



**HAMPSTEAD GARDEN OPERA TRUST LIMITED**

**HGO announces today that David Conway will succeed Roger Sainsbury as chairman of the company from 1 June.** Roger retains responsibility for the new production of Verdi's *La Traviata*, which will be running at Jackson's Lane from 18<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May.



**David's career includes over twenty years in the countries of the former Soviet Union as a manager of international development aid projects. He was awarded a PhD in music history from University College London, where he is an Honorary Research Fellow, and regularly publishes and lectures on music topics. His book *Jewry in Music* was published by Cambridge University Press in 2013.**

At the age of 14, David was given a ticket for Mussorgsky's opera *Khovanshchina* at Covent Garden. Despite not having a clue as to what was going on, he immediately fell in love with opera, a love which he shares with his wife Nadia. With Nadia he also runs an annual classical music festival in Levoča, Slovakia. He plays the piano reasonably well, and the bassoon very badly. He can also nowadays give an acceptable resumé of the plot of *Khovanshchina*.

David is proud and honoured to become leader of the HGO team, and looks forward to working with them and with HGO's Friends and supporters to continue to serve and develop HGO's twin objectives, to present first-class affordable opera performances for its audiences, and to seek out and support the next generation of opera stars.

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