

## **Weekly update for Sunday 24 March 2019**

### **Rehearsal reminders**

On Tuesday 26 March 2019 we will have the first of two piano rehearsals, at our usual venue. We will rehearse the B minor Mass with conductor Andrew Griffith. Anyone who has to miss one of the next two rehearsals will need good overall attendance and permission to sing in the concert. Unfortunately if you miss both rehearsals you won't be able to sing. Remember that those not singing in the concert shouldn't attend either of these two rehearsals so that the conductor and Darius can hear how it will sound on the day.

Please don't forget your membership card for swiping in. No need to send apologies under the new system, but if you do have anything to report please contact your Voice Rep.

[Please click here to go directly to the rehearsal schedule](#), there's also a link on the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#).

### **Bach - updated notes (attachment)**

Paul Henstridge's updated rehearsal notes are attached. They are also on the website, along with You Tube recordings and rehearsal recordings, all at [Members Area / Preparing the music](#). Log-in details are at the end of every weekly update.

### **Saturday 6 April 2019 - Bach's Mass in B minor**

The concert is in the City Hall from 19.00 to 21.00. It's one of our Sheffield International Concert Season concerts, with the Royal Northern Sinfonia conducted by Andrew Griffiths.

The compulsory 'on-the-day' rehearsal will be from 14.30 to 17.30 in the City Hall; please make sure you are in your seats ready to start at 14.30 on the dot.

Tickets are [available via the City Hall website](#) or from the Box Office. Ticket sales so far = 685, usual on-the-day sales around 300, target 1300, capacity 2000.

Detailed arrangements for performing at the City Hall, including location, access, concert procedure and dress, registration, dressing rooms, health and safety etc, are listed on the chorus website at [Members Area / Concert arrangements](#)

We have three extra tenors joining us to sing the B minor Mass. They are David Sanderson (T2) and Jeff Green (T1) from Sheffield Bach Choir, and Robin Morton (T1), who sang the short solo in our Classical Sheffield concert. Thank you for making them feel comfortable and welcome.

### **Please return your Classical Sheffield music!**

Thanks to everyone for returning the Classical Sheffield music. If you haven't yet, please do so as a matter of urgency; we may incur heavy fines for late return of the Schoenberg in particular so please send your music via a friend if you are absent. Alternatively please contact Els at [librarian@sheffieldphil.org](mailto:librarian@sheffieldphil.org) to arrange drop-off at her home in S10.

### **Committee meeting later this week – comments to our Members' Rep**

There is a committee meeting on Thursday 28 March, and bass Ben Stone will be happy to take your suggestions and comments to the meeting – he is currently the only Members' Rep so we'll all have to share him! Any volunteers from the other three voice parts to help Ben with his rep duties would be greatly appreciated.

### **Weekly updates**

Some members are still not receiving the weekly update; please ask colleagues who report this to tell bass Matthew Morgan, who is working through the issues as best he can.

However, if ever you don't receive the weekly update, please go to the Members Area of the Chorus website; Anne spends time every week keeping this up to date, with rehearsal details in [Members Area / Rehearsals](#) and concert arrangements in [Members Area / Concert arrangements](#). Concert arrangements are posted a few weeks before the concert; the arrangements we know so far for the Bach concert have been there for some weeks for example. The weekly updates themselves are uploaded onto the website every week in [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#), and the dates for the following season are there as well in [Members Area / Diary Dates](#). Log-in details are at the end of every weekly update (see below), but urgent messages are always listed above the log-in box so members can read the important part without logging in.

### **Final chance - help to promote your Chorus (see attachment)**

We are considering ordering mugs as shown in the attachment – a plain white 'chunky' mug, with our new logo, and a 'singing' quotation. Price will be around £9 each. Interested? If so please sign up for your mug on Tues 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> March, or email [Rachel.Mallaband@sheffieldphil.org](mailto:Rachel.Mallaband@sheffieldphil.org) with your name, chorus number, quantity and quotation required (see attachment for quotation choices).

### **Reminder - Subscriptions and membership cards**

Please can those who pay monthly check that they've set up a new payment schedule. A number of members set an end date for last year's payments and have forgotten to set up a new schedule. Also, a small number of people have yet to pay – please see Graham as a matter of urgency or you won't be able to sing in the Bach concert!

### **Advance notice - Sun 9 Jun 2019 – The Holy Face – a self funded concert we need to promote ourselves!**

Venue is the City Hall at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. With the Black Dyke Band, Halifax Choral Society, the Yorkshire Youth Choir and four soloists, we will sing Wilby's *The Holy Face* and Paul Mealor's *Paradise*, and Darius will play Wilby's organ concerto *Cinema*.

The on-the-day rehearsal will be from 11.00 to 14.00 in the City Hall; please be in your seats ready to start rehearsal at 11.00 on the dot.

Tickets [available via SIV website](#) or at the City Hall Box Office. £5 reduction for anyone who presents their Xmas concert or Bach ticket or proof of booking and under 18 tickets FREE! Schools will be offered a significant reduction via an email voucher.

**Faure Requiem on 4 May 2019** – see website at [Members Area / For information](#)

**Rehearsal attendance new procedure** – see chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#)

**Upcoming Singing Opportunities** at [Members' Area / For information / Singing Opportunities](#)

**Diary Dates** See the Chorus website at [Members Area / Diary dates](#).

### **Chorus website**

Information about concert arrangements, future dates, our official stage procedure, Darius' rehearsal schedule, re-auditions, where to get rehearsal tracks etc. can be found on the chorus website, in the Member's Area in particular. The website is available at <http://sheffieldphil.org> or via a Google search. If taken to an error page it is likely that your computer or laptop has stored the old website in its memory (cache) and you should clear it by pressing REFRESH, or F5 on your PC keyboard. Alternatively it may be that your router needs re-setting; try turning it off for 10 minutes before switching it on again. If none of this works please contact Anne Adams in the first instance, and she will inform the webmasters Matthew Morgan and Bill Best. The chorus

user name is member and the password is dariu5; these are for chorus members only so please don't share them.

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