

Weekly update for w/c Monday 23 April 2018

NO REHEARSAL NEXT TUESDAY 1 MAY

PLEASE CHECK MAHLER COACH LISTS (ATTACHED)

Rehearsal reminders

Tomorrow night Tuesday 24 April is the final Tuesday rehearsal for the Mahler 2 concerts in Edinburgh and Middlesbrough this coming Sunday 29 April and Tuesday 1 May. We will also rehearse the Rossini. Please note that there is an audition after the rehearsal so please leave as quickly and quietly as you can.

A reminder that, due to the Middlesbrough concert, there is no rehearsal next Tuesday 1 May.

Please feel free to use the recordings, updated rehearsal notes and guidance that have been placed in the Members Area of the chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the Music](#).

The rehearsal schedule is on Darius' website <http://www.dariusbattiwalla.com/currentschedule.pdf>; this link is a permanent feature on the [Members Area / Rehearsals](#) page of our own website.

Mahler 2 - general arrangements (attachment)

- SPC ladies have been asked not to wear scarves for this concert; LPC ladies will be in black rather than their usual red tops and the orchestra want us all to look the same.
- It may be that the Usher Hall will require us to sign in at the door. If not, register sheets will be circulated on the coach, while those travelling via train or car should seek out Anne Adams on arrival so that she can tick you off.
- Please can you check the attached coach lists so we know who should be on which coach, and let Anne Adams know asap if your name isn't there and should be, or is there and doesn't need to be - **both are equally important**.
- Please be sure to mark your copy with instructions from Markus Poschner at the very short conductor's rehearsal at 12.30 and/or at the tutti rehearsal an hour later.

Mahler 2 - Edinburgh Sunday 29 April

- Choir rehearsal 12.30 - 13.00, tutti rehearsal 13.30 to 14.30, performance 15.00, probably ending around 15.00.
- Coach times to Edinburgh have now been agreed - thank you Darius for managing to get more reasonable start times!
 - Coach 2 (direct to Edinburgh) will depart from The Penny Black on Pond Hill at 06.30. **Coach 2 is for SPC - please don't get on coach 1.**
 - 06.00 - Coach 1 (via Leeds) will depart from The Penny Black on Pond Hill at 06.00 and pick up at Leeds Town Hall at 06.45. **Please note that this coach will fill to capacity with LPC members in Leeds, so please don't get on it.** Paul Henstridge has kindly agreed to be the SPC lead for this coach.
- The coach company believes the timings above should get the choirs to Edinburgh in time for the 12:30 rehearsal as planned, all being well and no delays. Please note there will only be time for a short comfort break en-route to enable the coach drivers to swap over.
- Coach times from Edinburgh are as follows:
 - 18.00 - Coach 2 (direct to Sheffield) will depart from the Usher Hall Edinburgh at 18.00 and aims to drop off at the Penny Black on Pond Hill at 23.30. Paul Henstridge has kindly agreed to be the SPC lead for this coach.
 - 18.00 - Coach 1 (via Leeds) will depart from the Usher Hall at 18.00 and aims to drop off at Leeds Town Hall at 23.00, returning to the Penny Black at midnight.

- A single coach will return to Leeds/Sheffield on Monday 30 April, leaving from the Usher Hall Edinburgh at 11.00, dropping off at Leeds Town Hall at 17.00 and at the Penny Black at 18.00. The journey time includes an hour's break for the driver en-route. Helen Kirk has kindly agreed to be the SPC lead for this coach.
- A reminder that city council car parking is £1 for the day on a Sunday; you can investigate car parking further at <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/parking/car-parks.html> or <https://www.justpark.com/uk/parking/sheffield-city-centre/>.

Mahler 2 - Middlesbrough Tuesday 1 May

- Tutti rehearsal 18.00 to 19.00, performance 19.30.
- The coaches to and from Middlesbrough are able to pick up at Tankersley; times are as follows:
 - Coach 2 (direct to Middlesbrough) will depart from the Penny Black on Pond Hill at 14.30, and will pick up at Tankersley at 14.50. **Most SPC members will be better using coach 2.**
 - Coach 1 (via Leeds) will depart from the Penny Black on Pond Hill at 14.00, picking up at Tankersley at 14.20, at Leeds Town Hall at 15.00 and at Collingham A58 at 15.30.
- Coach times from Middlesbrough after the concert are as follows:
 - Coach 2 (direct to Sheffield) will leave Middlesbrough Town Hall at 21.30, dropping off at Tankersley at 23.00 and at the Penny Black at 23.15. **Most SPC members will be better using coach 2.**
 - Coach 1 (via Leeds) will leave Middlesbrough Town Hall at 21.30, dropping off at Collingham A58 at 22.30, Leeds Town Hall at 23.00, Tankersley at 23.45 and the Penny Black at midnight.
- Please note that there are 15 spare places on Coach 1 so there is the opportunity for up to 15 people to travel to and from Middlesbrough via Leeds, if they so wish. Please let Anne Adams know if you want to do this so she can let the LPC administrator know.

Mahler 2 - Sheffield Saturday 5 May (attachment)

- Tutti rehearsal 17.00 to 17.45, performance at 19.00.
- Tickets sales for the Sheffield concert = 563. With an expected walk-up of around 300 this comes to fewer than 900 compared to the target of 1500, so please use the attached flyer to advertise the concert to friends and family via email and social media.

Request from Els Pearse re Rachmaninov Vespers scores

'To all members and in particular for those partaking in the French trip. I would like to know how many of you have your own copy of The Rachmaninov Vespers and who, of the non travellers, would be willing to loan your copy to a fellow singer. Please let me know asap on Tuesday or mail to elspearse@yahoo.co.uk. Thank you, Els'

Bochum visits - information now in Diary Dates on the chorus website

Invitation to sing Beethoven's Mass in C with Sheffield Music Academy

'For the last two years, Sheffield Music Academy has performed a community choral piece at Sheffield Cathedral, starting with Haydn's Creation in 2016 and Mozart's Requiem last year. Both proved such successes that this year we are going to perform Beethoven's Mass in C and would again like to welcome singers from Sheffield's rich musical community to join us. The performance is on Saturday 14 July 2017, 7pm at Sheffield Cathedral. Weekly rehearsals will begin on Saturday 28th April, from 8.30 to 9.30 am every Saturday except 26th May and 2nd June at Birkdale School's Heeley Hall, Oakholme Building, Caxton Rd, S10 3ED. You are very welcome to join us. The compulsory choir rehearsals will be at 7pm on Friday 13th July at Birkdale and 2-4pm on Saturday 14th July in Sheffield Cathedral. If you've sung it before you probably won't need

to come to all the rehearsals, although you're welcome to come to as many as you can. If you are interested in taking part please email Jess O'Neill, SMA's general manager at jess@sheffieldmusicacademy.co.uk and tell her (a) your name & contact details (b) which part you'd like to sing (c) whether you have your own score, and (d) which rehearsals you'd like to attend. Many thanks and we look forward to making music with you. All the very best, Martin Cropper' Please see Hugo Ferguson, 1st Bass if you have any queries. Hugo will leave some flyers out at Tuesday's rehearsal.

Apologies and Half-Time Leavers

Please note that apologies for absence should be sent to our Membership Officer John Spence; contact details at the bottom of each update. If you leave a rehearsal at half-time for whatever reason you should make a note of the fact on the Apologies Sheet on the registration desk.

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.

Administrator Anne Adams can be contacted at administrator@sheffieldphil.org

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