

Weekly update for w/c Monday 26 February 2018

WEATHER WARNING - please check the chorus website before setting out, for the latest on tomorrow's rehearsal; at the moment there are no plans to cancel. In fact it's a good idea to check the site just before setting off for every rehearsal during the winter. Any message will be in the Member's Area above the log-in so you will see it without having to log in.

REMINDER - Tomorrow's rehearsal will be in the Lower School, directions below.

Rehearsal reminders

Tomorrow night, Tuesday 27 February, we will rehearse the After Hours Ballroom Concert (ie Brahms & Mendelssohn) in King Edward's Lower School, Darwin Lane, Sheffield, S10 5RG. The school's location on a Google map may be found at the school's website at: <http://kes.sheffield.sch.uk/contact/>. The usual computerised registration system will be available in the foyer to the gymnasium/hall. Please note that the front door is often locked at 7pm because of security requirements, so if you are late please text (preferable) or phone John Spence on 07711 846571; he will come down the corridor to release the door, which will take him a couple of minutes.

The car park is only small and is very busy because of people using the school sports facilities. Parking close by, particularly the closer it gets to 7:00 pm, can be virtually impossible, so do allow sufficient time to find a space. For those travelling by bus the 51 service runs along Sandygate Road and it is a 15 minute walk from Crosspool Post Office along Watt Lane and down Darwin Lane to the school gate. The 120 service runs along Fulwood Road and it is a 13 minute uphill walk from Fulwood Road along Tapton Park Road and Darwin Lane to the school gate. For further information see the Travel South Yorkshire website <http://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/default.aspx>.

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.

Help rehearsing the Rossini

Chairman Paul Henstridge has compiled the rehearsal notes given to us by Darius into a document which you can download from the chorus website, in [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the Music](#), or [via this direct link](#). Many thanks Paul. The same page features links to YouTube recordings of the Rossini and to the Mahler Symphony 2 and the After Hours works by Brahms and Mendelssohn. The Chorus log-in password can be found below.

Mahler 2 Mini-Tour

A total of 141 members of the chorus completed the survey and will be included on the singing lists; many thanks. Please inform Anne Adams at administrator@sheffieldphil.org, as a matter of urgency, if you wish to sing but did not complete the survey.

Meet for a meal in Edinburgh on Saturday 28 April?

Dick Williams (bass) wonders whether anyone who happens to be staying in Edinburgh on Saturday 28 April 2018, ie, the evening before the concert, would like to get together for a meal. A friend of a friend knows the people who own a well recommended Italian restaurant quite near the Usher Hall, and Dick is happy to book a table for around 7pm. If you are interested please contact Dick as soon as possible, at dickwilliams@tiscali.co.uk

Exclusive £10 ticket offer

OperaUpClose are offering us an exclusive £10 ticket offer for their performance of The Magic Flute at Cast in Doncaster on 14th and 15th March 2018. Book via [online booking](#) or call the Cast box office at (0)1302 303 959 and use ticket code 10UPCLOSE during check-out to secure your £10 tickets. Please do not share this offer via social media.

Sight-reading sessions

Georgina's sight-reading sessions, which are open to all, will recommence on Tuesday 20 March.

Ladies please could we check our choir bags?

Ladies, the scarf and shoe that went missing after the Mozart concert were not found by staff at the City Hall, so please could we all check our choir bags just in case someone inadvertently packed one or other away after the concert? If you have any luck contact administrator@sheffieldphil.org. Many thanks.

Half-Time Leavers

Please note that if you are obliged to 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 so that the Chorus records can be correctly adjusted.

Before you ask.....

Questions asked by members recently include information about concert arrangements, future dates, our official stage procedure, Darius' rehearsal schedule, re-auditions, where to get rehearsal tracks etc. All this and more can be found on the chorus website, in the Member's Area in particular, so do check before you ask!

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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