

Weekly update for w/c Monday 5 March 2018

Rehearsal reminders

Tomorrow night, Tuesday 5 March, we are back at our usual venue and are scheduled to rehearse the After Hours Ballroom Concert (ie Brahms & Mendelssohn). Please note that Sheffield Wednesday have a home game so you might want to set off a little earlier than usual. 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.

Possible Attendance Score (PAS) and Minimum Attendance Requirement (MAR) for the After Hours Ballroom Concert

As a result of the cancellation of last week's rehearsal the 'score' for that rehearsal has been set at zero. This means that the PAS has reduced from 5 to 4 and the MAR from 3½ to 3. Here is a typical extract:

Ballroom Concert : 20 April 2018			First Tenors								Total Attendance Score to Date	Possible Attendance Score (PAS)	Max Possible %age	Status	Singing List
MAR	Name	Colour	27- Feb	06- Mar	13- Mar	20- Mar	27- Mar	10- Apr	17- Apr	20- Apr					
3			0	1	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1	4				
514	John Spence	Yellow	0								0	4	100.00%	OK so far	Yes

However, if rehearsals do not go to Darius' complete satisfaction it is possible that a Saturday rehearsal might be inserted into the schedule. Should that happen, the PAS and MAR will change again, of course.

Rehearsal aids

There is a link to YouTube recordings of the After Hours works by Brahms and Mendelssohn on the chorus website, in [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the Music](#). The same page features links to YouTube recordings of the Rossini and the Mahler Symphony 2, and to the Rossini rehearsal notes compiled by Chairman Paul Henstridge from the instructions provided by Darius; many thanks Paul. The Chorus log-in password can be found below.

Classical Sheffield in Musical March

There are lots of wonderful classical music events happening in March, including free fringe events in the Virgin Money Lounge on Sat 8 March and in the Winter Gardens on Sunday 9 March - the latter featuring Octogenesis. For full details please see the [Classical Sheffield website](#).

Free tickets

Steve Terry has two tickets for the Sunday lunchtime recital at Firth Hall that he can't use and which he is kindly offering free to a good home! The concert features Ravel, and VW's Songs of Travel, see <https://concerts.sheffield.ac.uk/whats-on/ravelvaughanwilliams> for details. Please see Steve at tomorrow's rehearsal to claim the tickets.

Report on classical music in Sheffield

Sheffield's classical music scene is 'vibrant, hopeful and creative and full of opportunities for young people', says a new report launched on 16 February 2018. The report identifies a number of exciting recommendations. Download the report from [the University of Sheffield website](#)

Meet for a meal in Edinburgh on Saturday 28 April?

Please contact Dick Williams (bass) dickwilliams@tiscali.co.uk if you will be staying in Edinburgh on Sat 28 April 2018, ie, the evening before the concert, and would like to get together for a meal.

Reminder - 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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