

## **Weekly update for w/c Monday 9 April 2018**

**PLEASE NOTE START TIME OF 7pm FOR EVERYONE TOMORROW NIGHT**

**FINAL CHECK OF ATTACHED MAHLER SINGING LIST - TELL ANNE IF ANY ERRORS**

### **Rehearsal reminders**

Darius has decided that tomorrow night Tuesday 10 April we will rehearse the pieces in the opposite order from that given in the rehearsal schedule, beginning with the Brahms/Mendelssohn in the first half (normal start time for everyone) until approximately 8:10 pm. After a very short break we will rehearse the Mahler, and the ladies will finish at 8:45 pm. The gentlemen will continue to rehearse the Mahler until the finish; this part may overrun for 5 minutes or so.

Sheffield United have a home game on Tuesday 10 April so you might want to adjust your travel time in anticipation of heavy traffic.

We are very close to the After Hours ballroom concert so please would everyone do some work at home - 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.

### **After Hours ballroom concert on 20 April 2018**

The tutti rehearsal on Friday 20 April is very likely to be 6- 6.45pm; this is very short so please try your best to arrive on time. Dressing rooms will be in the North and South Halls adjacent to the ballroom; there is no tea dance after all so feel free to arrive any time that afternoon. Please sign up using your chorus bar-code card in the usual way; the machine will be set up in the corridor next to the dressing rooms. Thanks to Janet Hoyle, Sally Turnbull, Anne Adams and Jim Monach, who have volunteered to sell tickets in the foyer before and after the main concert and at the interval.

Tickets are selling rather slowly so please tell family and friends about the concert, which is advertised on [Classical Sheffield](#) and [City Hall](#) websites as well as our own [chorus website](#). Tickets are just £2, with no booking fee.

### **Reminder to check the Mahler 2 singing list (attachment)**

Attached is a download from the Mahler 2 survey; please can you check that your entry is correct? Please inform Anne Adams as soon as you possibly can, at [administrator@sheffieldphil.org](mailto:administrator@sheffieldphil.org), if you thought you had signed up and your name isn't there, or if the details aren't correct, or if you didn't do the survey but have the required MAR and would now like to sing – bearing in mind that numbers for Middlesbrough are seriously limited. Please note that any changes at this stage are unlikely to make it into the concert programmes. (Also please note that this list has NOT YET been cross-checked with rehearsal attendance sheets to ensure that everyone is on our own internal singing list – JMS).

On-the-day tutti rehearsals are as follows: Edinburgh Sunday 29 April 13.30 to 14.30 (performance 15.00), Middlesbrough 18.00 to 19.00 (performance 19.30) and Sheffield 17.00 to 17.45 (performance at 19.00). We do not yet have coach details for the two 'away' concerts.

Tickets sales for the Sheffield concert = 555.

### **Reminder - Bochum visits**

SPC is planning two visits to Bochum in 2019, and the Bochum Choir will visit us in the spring of 2020. Details are not yet known but here is a flavour of what we know so far.

7th February 2019: invitation to join Bochum Choir in singing Messiah in English, as part of the Bochumer Symphoniker orchestra centenary celebrations. Rehearsals expected to be in Bochum on 5th and 6th February 2019. Given the time of year the Bochum Choir realise that this trip is unlikely to involve more than a small group of SPC members.

Autumn 2019: the main trip to Bochum. We will probably sing music already known to most of us to ease the rehearsal process. Bochum Choir members will offer accommodation to those who would like it, and help arrange sight-seeing trips around the Ruhr area. Travel possibilities will be investigated when dates are firmed up, but there are flights to nearby Dusseldorf from Manchester and Doncaster Robin Hood, or you could travel overnight from Hull - Rotterdam and drive to Bochum.

Spring 2010: Bochum Choir members will visit us, hopefully to sing Messiah, possibly with the Black Dyke Band.

Please address any queries to Graham Dawson at [graham@swaithehouse.plus.com](mailto:graham@swaithehouse.plus.com) or telephone 01226 730100. The website of the Bochum Choir is [www.philharmonischer-chor-bochum.de](http://www.philharmonischer-chor-bochum.de) and the orchestra's is [www.bochumer-symphoniker.de](http://www.bochumer-symphoniker.de)

### **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.

### **A concert members might like (attachment)**

On Saturday 21st April 7.30pm in the cathedral, Baslow Choir and Holymoorside Choral Society sing Puccini's Gloria and Elgar's Music Makers with the Hallam Sinfonia and guest soloists.

### **Before you ask.....**

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, 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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