

Please note changes to rehearsal schedule and end time – see below

Weekly update for Sunday 13 January 2019

Rehearsal reminders and link to updated rehearsal schedule (attachment)

Our next rehearsal will be on Tuesday 15 January 2019, when we will rehearse the Bach. Chair Paul Henstridge has updated the rehearsal notes which are attached, and are also on the Chorus website along with links to YouTube recordings and practice tapes - at [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the music](#) (password reminder at the end of each update).

Darius has updated the rehearsal schedule, [please click here to go directly to the schedule](#), there's also a link on the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#). The changes are:

- On the three Tuesday 5, 12 and 19 February we will rehearse the Classical Sheffield repertoire from 7 to 8.15, followed by the Bach.
- There are extra rehearsals on Saturday 16 February at KES, from 10.30 to 13.00 and from 14.00 to 16.30. These count as two rehearsals towards the Minimum Attendance Requirement, so those who can't attend due to half term please be aware.
- All rehearsals from now until the Bach concert will end at 21.15.
- There are TWO piano rehearsals for the Bach concert, on Tuesday 26 March and Tuesday 2 April. Both are compulsory.

Please don't forget your membership card for swiping in, so that Darius won't have to manually enter you from the written attendance list – he has enough to do! No need to send apologies under the new system, but if you do have anything to report please see your Voice Rep in the first instance.

However, don't forget that Darius would prefer everyone to attend all rehearsals, even if they not able to sing in the concert, so that the whole Chorus can benefit from the training provided.

Darius Organ Concert

Darius will be including a spectacular piece by Fela Sowande in his forthcoming lunch time organ recital in Leeds. It's "Go Down Moses" which some of us heard him play at one of our French concerts this summer. Not to be missed! Leeds Town Hall, Monday 28th January at 13.05. Admission free.

Greetings from Bochum (attachment)

The Bochum choir sent a Christmas card to the Chorus, the card is on the Notice Board and a scanned copy of the inside is attached.

Advance notice of forthcoming concert information

Sunday 10 March 2019 - Classical Sheffield Weekend Festival concert

Venue is the City Hall ballroom from 17.00 to 18.00. Concert includes works by female composers and a re-run of the Schoenberg, with some piano duets by Rachel and Darius. Compulsory rehearsal is at KES on Tuesday 5 March 2019. On-the-day rehearsal is yet to be organised. Tickets for the one-hour concert – just £5 - will soon be available via SIV and the Classical Sheffield website, but [Weekend passes are available via SIV](#) at the amazing price of £30 for the whole weekend! A fantastic promotional trailer is available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aWPWxhIbKn4> Festival programmes will be available at rehearsals in a few weeks time.

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

Venue is the City Hall from 19.00 to 21.00. One of our Sheffield International Concert Season concerts, with the Royal Northern Synfonia conducted by Andrew Griffiths. Compulsory 'on-the-day' rehearsal will probably be at 14.00 in the City Hall. Piano rehearsal 1 is at KES on Tuesday 26 March 2019, piano rehearsal 2 is at KES on Tuesday 2 April 2019. Tickets are [available via the City Hall website](#) or from the Box Office. Ticket sales so far = 542 (target 1300, capacity 2000).

Sun 9 June 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. 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.

Membership Cards and Subscriptions (attachment)

Thanks to the many members who have completed this season's membership subscription form and arranged payment. For those yet to pay, Graham Dawson will be pleased to receive your forms and notice of payment so he can provide new membership cards at rehearsals.

All members need to complete a new subscription form even if you have a continuing standing order or have already paid. Members can pay by cash, cheque, bank transfer or monthly standing order - full details are on the form. If any member has difficulty with paying their subscription, please consult with Graham over possible options. We have a reduced rate for those who are unemployed or on a low income. If you owe some subscription fees from last year, please add the outstanding amount into the figures on this year's form. Membership cards will be issued on receipt of a completed form – and cash/cheque if paying by that method.

Reminder - ladies treble clef brooch

A treble clef brooch was found at the City Hall; please see Anne Adams if it is yours.

Bochum trip

The trip is being organized by Graham Dawson – many thanks Graham – and arrangements are in hand. Please let Graham know if your circumstances have changed and you are now unable to go – or if you would now like to. If some people drop out, others may be able to go in their place but Graham needs to know sooner rather than later. Graham needs contact details, travel and accommodation plans. Various trips are being organized, eg Bonn, Essen, monorail trip etc.

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

Upcoming classical concerts are on the Chorus website, [Members Area / For information](#)

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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