

Weekly update for Sunday 12 May 2019 (also available at [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#))

Next rehearsal

On Tuesday 19 May 2019 we will continue rehearsing for the Holy Face concert at our usual venue. Chairman Paul Henstridge's rehearsal notes for Holy Face and Paradise are, as always, on the website at [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the Music](#)

Tickets for the Holy Face concert (attachment)

If anyone has experienced difficulties getting tickets from the City Hall, whether on line, by telephone or in person, please let Anne Adams know as soon as possible.

With just three weeks to go we have sold about 50 tickets for the concert. The City Hall 'on-the-door' sales rarely exceed 400. Your help is needed URGENTLY. Here's how you can help:

1. Sell tickets to friends and family. Tickets are FREE to u-18s, and families with children are welcome. Tickets will be on sale at rehearsal on Tuesday, priced £15 or £20 (so you don't pay the booking fee) free if for u-18s. Please try to bring the correct change if you can. £5 reduction for anyone who presents their Xmas concert or Bach ticket or proof of booking.
2. Sorry about the flyers last week – they will be available on Tuesday, please distribute to friends, family and work colleagues, as well as to libraries, community centres, places of worship, village or supermarket notice boards, cafes, pubs, shop windows, social clubs, sports clubs etc.
3. Please share the attached e-flyer via email and/or social media.
4. If on Facebook please share any posts you see on the public page '[Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus](#)' - and invite your friends to like the page. There is also an event on Facebook for this [concert](#) - it can be a great way to reach people across the city and beyond, so please do click 'going/attending' and invite your friends and family to do the same. We are co-hosting this event page with Halifax Choral Society and Black Dyke Band, so any promotional material you see out there do give it a 'share'.
5. Our Twitter handle is: @SheffPhilChorus and it would be great to see people 'liking' and 'retweeting' our content, plus writing your own - we'll retweet it on our official account, as will our performing peers plus Sheffield City Hall, so please help if you're on Twitter.

Please note that any young brass players attending the concert are invited to meet the band afterwards. Please email their names to Anne Adams at administrator@sheffieldphil.org

Important - revised email to use if your contact details change

Matthew Morgan has set up a new system for informing the appropriate people about changes in your contact details, especially email addresses. Please send a message to emailchange2019@sheffieldphil.org to ensure that your details are amended on the Membership database and that you will continue to receive the weekly update.

Amendment to Diary Dates

Please note a change to the date and venue of our self funded Messiah concert next season. The concert will now take place on Saturday 18 April 2020 at 7pm in the Victoria Hall, Norfolk Street. Diary dates were removed from the weekly update at the request of members who don't want it to be too long; however they have been listed on the Chorus website for many weeks, to enable members to plan their diaries, at [Members Area / Diary dates](#). Dates for 2020-21 will be listed as soon as they are confirmed, so keep your eye on this page.

Tenor and alto soloists required for Messiah on Monday 9 December 2019

Sheffield Bach Choir seek a tenor soloist and an alto soloist for their annual 'Come and Sing Messiah' on Monday 9 December 2019, fee £50 each. The passion section will be missed out from this performance. If anyone knows someone who might like to offer their services, please let Anne Adams know either at administrator@sheffieldphil.org or at rehearsal.

Musical Director required

Unite the Union brass band is looking for a new Musical Director. If you, or someone you know, would like to apply to be the band's Musical Director and help them to regain their Championship section status get in touch with Clare Moore, Band Secretary, mail@unitetheunionbrassband.org.uk. Closing date for applications is Friday 17 May 2019.

The Holy Face – arrangements known so far

The concert is the City Hall at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The on-the-day rehearsal will be from 11.30 to 14.00 in the City Hall. Please be in your seats ready to start rehearsal at 11.30 on the dot; however, the band are rehearsing from 11.00 to 11.30 so please take your seats in silence and as quietly as you can.

There will be a get-together in the ballroom after the concert, to which all performers have been invited; drinks and nibbles will be available, and the bar will be open.

Concert Saturday 18 May

Concert in the Crucible Studio on Saturday 18 May. Albion, Sinsontes and Sheffield Folk Chorale. Tickets £10 full price / £5 for first-time attenders and under 35s.

Rehearsal reminders

Please don't forget your membership card for swiping in. No need to send apologies under the new system (details at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#)), but if you do have anything to report please contact your Voice Rep.

[Please click here to go directly to the rehearsal schedule](#), there's also a link on the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#).

Singing opportunities

Come and Sing Haydn Sat 1 June 2019 in Leeds

Armed Man on 16 June 2019 for Broomhill Festival

Brahms German Requiem on Saturday 13 July 2019 in Sheffield

Details for these and other opportunities are on the Chorus website at [Members' Area / For information / Singing Opportunities](#)

Weekly updates and the Chorus website

If ever you don't receive the weekly update, it is uploaded every week in [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#). The chorus user name is the same for every member, it's the word *member* and the password is *dariu5*. These are for chorus members only so please don't share them. However, urgent messages such as rehearsal venue changes are always listed above the log-in box so members can read the important part without logging in.

The Members Area of the website lists all the information included in the update, eg rehearsal details, rehearsal notes and links to recordings, concert and re-audition arrangements, as well

as dates for the following season, our official stage procedure, Darius' rehearsal schedule, how to look after your voice etc.

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.

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