

Weekly update for Sunday 19 May 2019 (also available at [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#))

Next rehearsal (attachment)

On Tuesday 21 May 2019 we will continue rehearsing for the Holy Face concert at our usual venue. Chairman Paul Henstridge has updated the rehearsal notes for Holy Face and Paradise; these are attached and are also, as always, on the website at [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the Music](#)

Tickets for the Holy Face concert (attachment)

Thank you for those of you who have been working hard to sell tickets. Your efforts, and those of Alex Burns, have led to a recent improvement in the ticket sales, and we have now sold almost 300 tickets for the concert. We are aiming to sell 1000 which looks fairly decent in the City Hall; there were 1032 in the audience for the Bach for example. Please help by:

1. Selling tickets to friends and family, either at the City Hall (for centre Circle and front centre stalls) or at rehearsal from Paul Henstridge. £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 came to the Xmas or Bach concerts.
2. Sharing the attached e-flyer via email and/or social media.
3. Sharing posts you see on our public Facebook (FB) page '[Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus](#)' - and inviting your FB friends to like the page. Clicking 'going/attending' on the FB event for this [concert](#) and invite your friends and family to do the same. Sharing any FB posts you see from Halifax Choral Society and Black Dyke Band.
4. Liking and re-tweeting our Twitter posts @SheffPhilChorus and writing your own tweets for us and Sheffield City Hall to re-tweet.

If you're the parent of a child at the Academy or Music Hub, please note that we have sent them a free ticket offer for adults taking their music-making children to the concert. This has been placed on the Academy's parent portal, or ask your child's teacher at the Hub.

Also note that any young brass players attending the concert are invited to meet the band afterwards, accompanied by an adult. Please email names to administrator@sheffieldphil.org

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. The Yorkshire Youth Choir are rehearsing from 10.30 to 11.30 in the ballroom, so please be quiet if you go down to the North and South Hall dressing rooms during this period.

Dressing rooms for ladies and gentlemen of both choruses are in the North and South halls, adjacent to the City Hall ballroom, with access available from 10.30am.

Please sign in using your membership card at the desk on the production corridor which you pass on the way down to the ballroom - please ask if you aren't sure where this is. There will be a sheet for those new members who don't have a membership card yet.

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.

Message from John Spence

We invited John Spence to the post-concert get together in the City Hall ballroom after the Holy Face concert. Here is his reply: *'Many thanks for your very kind message. I really appreciate the thought. However, I'm afraid I won't be able to attend the concert on 9 June, nor indeed any for the foreseeable future. It's just impossible to leave Sue alone nowadays except for very short periods..... I'm truly sorry therefore that I won't be able to take up your very kind offer. However, I shall be glad if you will pass on my best wishes to the Chorus and Band for the forthcoming concert and for the remainder of this season. With kind regards John'*

December trip to Bochum

In December we hope to get a party together to return to Bochum to take part in their family Christmas concert. Provided we can get enough singers and a reasonable balance between the different voices, we can do a 15 minutes slot in their concert, which lasts about an hour. They're very keen for us to take part. We imagine that we will perform some of the music from our own Christmas concert on Saturday 14 December, for which we'd aim to be back in time to attend.

If you would like to go, the concert is on 8th December in their new glorious concert hall where some of us sang the Messiah with them last year. One incentive that they're keen to point out is their famous Christmas markets!

There are lots of travel options e.g. flights to nearby Dusseldorf or Dortmund, Eurostar to Brussels and onward train to Bochum via Cologne, car ferries - Bochum is 3 hours drive from Rotterdam Europoort etc. Additionally, Bochum choir members are very happy to provide accommodation for those that wish. Have a think about it and be ready to respond when we call for names.

Reminder - 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.

Reminder - 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.

Reminder - 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.

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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