

Urgent - Please tell Els Pearse asap if you want to buy a Mahler 8 score (see below)

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Weekly update Sunday 26 January 2020 (also available at [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#))

Next rehearsal

Our next rehearsal is on Tuesday 28 January 2020 in the Upper School. We will be rehearsing the Verdi *Requiem*, so please come in plenty of time to collect a pre-ordered or hire score, or bring your own copy if you have one. Hire scores will be £2.50 – correct change would be appreciated.

Rehearsal tracks and notes

Links to YouTube recordings and voice part rehearsal tracks for *Messiah* and the Verdi *Requiem*, and to Paul's rehearsal notes, are on the Chorus website at: [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the Music](#).

The 2019-20 rehearsal schedule is on [Darius' website](#) and on the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#). Piano and tutti rehearsal dates and times can be found at [Members Area / Diary dates](#). Scroll to the end for members area user name and password.

Please tell Els if you want to buy your own Mahler 8 score

If any members wish to purchase their own copy of the Mahler 8 score, please email Els at elspearse@yahoo.co.uk as soon as possible, or see her at rehearsal on Tuesday. The scores are £17.95 (from Presto Music, published by Serenissima, ISBN 9781932419476). The hire price will be £2.50

Outstanding subs

Thanks to everyone for paying subs and submitting forms; membership cards can be collected from Graham at rehearsal if you still haven't collected yours. **Please can those few who haven't yet paid, do so in the next 2 weeks?** Also, please can those who have set up standing orders or bank transfers, check that they have set their payments up correctly? If anyone has difficulty paying for any reason, please contact GrahamDawson@sheffieldphil.org.

Advanced notice of rehearsal venue on 11 February 2020

King Edwards is holding an Open Evening on Tuesday 11 February, so our rehearsal will be in the Lower School Sports Hall. Information about location, how to get to the Sports Hall etc is on the Chorus website, and will be in the weekly update on Sunday 9 February 2020.

Possible dates for next season

Details of next season are still being worked out, but for members wanting to book holidays etc, it's looking like the dates you may need to avoid if you can are Friday 6th or Saturday 7th November 2020, Saturday 12th December 2020, Thursday 21st January 2021, Sunday 7 March 2021, Sat 12th June 2021.

Black suit available

One of our basses has recently purchased a new choir suit so has a spare Marks and Spencer Collezione made from a wool and silk fabric. The jacket is 44 inch chest and medium length with light gold colour fabric lining, the trousers are 38 inch waist and 31 inside leg. The suit is in very

good order and has recently been dry cleaned. If anyone is interested please see bass John Morgan.

Reminder - £5 ticket offer from Music in the Round

Music in the Round have sent us a £5 ticket offer for the concert on Thursday 6 Feb, 7.15pm at the Crucible Studio. Concert is Beethoven, Vaughan Williams and Skempton sung by James Gilchrist with Ensemble 360; details at <http://www.musicintheround.co.uk/event.php?id=1396>. The code to use over the phone or online is SHEFPHIL5, maximum 2 per customer.

Reminder - invitation to sing Mahler 2 on Monday 13 April 2020 in the City Hall

Gemma Wareham, Director of the City of Sheffield Youth Orchestra sent the following invitation: *'Our 40th anniversary birthday party is taking place on Monday 13th April (Easter Monday) when we are performing Mahler's 2nd Symphony. I warmly invite you tosing in the choir that features in the finale. It will be a wonderful evening of celebration at Sheffield City Hall with soloists Elizabeth Cragg, soprano, and Anna Harvey, Mezzo soprano. For more information about rehearsals and to sign-up please fill in your details on the form at the following link: [Choir Registration](#). Please do pass this on to colleagues and friends. Best wishes, Gemma'* gemma.csyo@gmail.com 07709452735 www.csyo.org.uk

Reminder - singing Day with Paul Mealor

Members might be interested in going to a singing day with Paul Mealor on Sat 14 March: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/singing-day-with-prof-paul-mealor-tickets-83972585263>

Diary dates

Saturday 18 April 2020 7pm – Messiah concert with Black Dyke Band in Sheffield cathedral.

Friday 1 May 2020 – compulsory piano rehearsal for Verdi *Requiem* with conductor Gianluca Marcianó at KES, tutti rehearsal City Hall Saturday 2 May 2020 from 2pm to 5pm (concert at 7pm)

TWO choir rehearsals for Mahler 8 in Manchester: 10.30 - 4pm on Saturday 6 June 2020 (counts for the MAR) and 2 - 6pm on Saturday 13 June 2020 (doesn't count for the MAR).

Tutti rehearsal for Mahler 8 from 1.30 to 4.30 on Saturday 20 June 2020 at Bridgewater Hall (concert at 7.30pm, no interval)

Concert dates and details, including piano and tutti rehearsal dates, times and locations, are posted on the Chorus website as soon as they become available so that members can plan their activities, at [Members Area / Diary dates](#). For example we have accepted an invitation to sing Mahler 2 on Sunday 7 March 2021 in the City Hall with Hallam Choral Society, Sheffield Philharmonic Orchestra and the Hallam Sinfonia, conducted by George Morton.

What to do if your contact details change

Please send a message to emailchange2019@sheffieldphil.org to ensure that your details are amended on the Membership database and that you continue to receive the weekly update.

Singing opportunities

Details for a range of opportunities are on the Chorus website at [Members' Area / For information / Singing Opportunities](#)

Weekly updates, Chorus and Classical Sheffield websites and passwords

If ever you don't receive the weekly update, please contact Membership Officer Marianne Grayson at MarianneGrayson@sheffieldphil.org. However 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.

A reminder of the Classical Sheffield Member's Area: <https://classicalsheffield.org.uk/about> ; the password is **moremusic**.

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