

Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus

Minutes of Meeting 26th May 2020

Present

Paul Henstridge; Anne Adams; Graham Dawson; Sally Turnbull; Els Pearse; Marianne Grayson; Georgina Hulse; Helen Kirk; Sue Pennington; Ben Stone; Alan Lacey; Anne Burleigh.

NB the meeting was conducted on-line via Zoom

Apologies

Paul Duffield; James Oliver

1. Decisions

1.1 Messiah concert to be postponed until Sat 23rd April 2022. City Hall. Anne A to book venue.

1.2 Seek to move date of Rachmaninov Vespers forwards to 10th April 2021 in order to make a more sensible gap between that concert and the June Faure Requiem. Paul H to communicate with Cathedral and Darius.

2. Virtual Rehearsals

First virtual rehearsal for the whole chorus to be on Tuesday 30th June at 7.00pm for 1 hour. To include a warm up and repertoire. The expectation is that all members will be present though it will not be compulsory. There will be a trial run on Tuesday 23rd June. Participants for the trial to be committee members, voice reps, Rachel Copley, Rachel Mallaband.

From September all rehearsals will be virtual for as long as is necessary.

Darius to convene a meeting to discuss rehearsals. Participants, Anne A, Paul H, Marianne, Rachel Copley, Rachel Fright.

3. Virtual Performance

Darius would like to try a virtual performance. Suggested piece is the Christmas item he has recently written for the chorus and band. Black Dyke has agreed to take part. Darius has the software. Petroc Trelawny to be requested to run the recording on radio 3.

4. Virtual Re-auditions

Darius would like to try this with volunteer tenors and basses this June. It will be an option. The result will be either a pass or a referral to a live audition.