

Important: link for tomorrow's on-line vocal exercise session below

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Update Monday 24 August 2020 (also at [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#))

On-line vocal exercise session on Tuesday 25 August (attachment)

Thanks to Maggie for a smashing session on 11 August, in which she provided exercises and advice designed to keep our voices in trim during this long enforced break from singing. We have another session tomorrow evening Tuesday 25 August, from 7pm for about half an hour. The session will be hosted by Education and Outreach Officer, soprano Georgina Hulse; many thanks Georgina, and for hosting last time. Maggie will work on exercises using her Vocal Exercise Sheet 2, which is attached; you can also find it on the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing Your Voice](#).

Join Zoom Meeting on Tuesday 25 August 7pm

<https://zoom.us/j/7037740302>

Meeting ID: 703 774 0302

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Many thanks to Maggie for the work she has put in to prepare this valuable session, and to Georgina for hosting it.

Rehearsals start again on Tuesday 8th September

Our 2020-21 season starts again on Tuesday 8 September at 7pm, when we will start regular rehearsals. You may have heard about the very welcome lifting of the ban on singing, which is a real step forward. However, serious restrictions remain in place, as you can appreciate. So our rehearsals during September will be on-line via Zoom.

However, the committee is working with our three professionals to plan how we can re-commence live rehearsals, which are likely to start carefully with small groups in combination with a revised on-line format. We'll be issuing a survey first, partly to see how everyone feels about re-commencing live rehearsals, so watch out for that.

In the meantime do make use of the recordings of our two on-line rehearsals on the Member's Area of the Chorus website at [Members Area/Rehearsals/Preparing the Music](#) – especially if you missed the rehearsals. Please remember not to share the recordings via any kind of public forum, to ensure we stay within copyright law.

- [Messiah Surely And with his stripes 28 July 2020](#)
- [Messiah All we like sheep 28 July 2020](#)
- [Rachmaninov Vespers No 5 28 July 2020](#)
- [Rachmaninov Vespers No 1 Recap 28 July 2020](#)

Maggie's Sing-along Concerts

Maggie invites us to join her to sing a selection of much loved choral classics, in our own homes, accompanied by our own recordings. There's a document on the Chorus website at [Members Area / Concert arrangements](#); but the season is listed below; all start at 7.30pm.

- Aug 29th – Mozart - Vespers and Coronation Mass
- Sept 12 – Bach - B Minor Mass
- Sept 26th – Haydn – Nelson Mass
- Oct 10th – Rossini – Stabat Mater
- Oct 24th – Dvorak – Requiem
- Nov 7th – Elgar – The Light of Life and RVW – Serenade to Music
- Nov 21 – Bach – Parts 1 and 2 – Christmas Oratorio
- Nov 28th – Bach – Parts 3 and 5 – Christmas Oratorio
- Dec 12th – Handel - Judas Maccabaeus
- Dec 19th – Handel – Part 1 – Messiah.

Get together on Sunday 16 August 2020

Though technically rained off, four of us did meet on Sunday 16 August in Endcliffe Park, and we enjoyed a chat and a stroll despite the drizzle. Helen is thinking of re-scheduling the picnic so watch this space!

Diary dates

Dates for 2020-21 – almost certain to be postponed or cancelled: Friday 6 November 2020 (After Hours concert); Saturday 12 December 2020 (Christmas carol concerts 2pm and 5.30pm) Sunday 24 January 2021 (SICS concert)

Dates for 2021 yet to be confirmed: May 2021 self funded concert in the cathedral (Rachmaninov's Vespers); Sat 19 June 2021 (Faure Requiem – self funded but with some support from Halle Concert Society and SIV).

Dates for 2021-22: March 2022 (re-scheduled Mahler 2 for Classical Sheffield festival, now moved to 2022), Saturday 23 April 2022 (re-scheduled *Messiah* concert) .

Dates for 2021-22 under discussion: Re-scheduled Mahler 8 possibly in May or June 2022.

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](#).

Reminder – buy Rachmaninov Vespers

The version of the Rachmaninov Vespers that we will use is ALL NIGHT VIGIL Opus 37 by Musica Russica, ISBN 0-9629460-6-0 (it has a pink cover). Members might want to order a copy for themselves, since we won't be able to distribute any copies that Els might have otherwise ordered on our behalf. It costs just over £31 from [Ackerman Music](#) or [Presto Music](#) (very rapid turn-around apparently) or a little bit less [from Forewoods Forescore](#) or you might be able to get a good second-hand copy from eBay or Amazon (use the [SPC Amazon Smile page](#) link to make a bit of money for the Chorus).

What to do if your contact details change

If any of your contact details change, including address, email or telephone number, 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.

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 *darius5*. 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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