

Important: link to on-line rehearsal and to the on-line survey (see below)

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Update Monday 07 September 2020 (also at [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#))

Invitation to online rehearsal on Tuesday 8th September 2020

Our next on-line rehearsal is on Tuesday 8 September 2020 at 7pm, via Zoom. Instructions for using Zoom were sent out in July, and can be found in the Members Area of the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the Music](#). Grateful thanks again to Marianne for hosting, to Darius for leading, and to Rachel and Maggie for their contributions.

Here is the link to the Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/91848712798>

Meeting ID: 918 4871 2798

Telephone dial-up numbers: +44 208 080 6591; +44 208 080 6592; +44 330 088 5830; +44 131 460 1196; +44 203 481 5237; +44 203 481 5240; +44 203 901 7895

We will be doing movements 1, 3, 5 and 6 from the Rachmaninov, ie, those sections that have been sent previously; they are available on the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the Music](#).

We are very grateful that many of you purchased a Musica Russica score during the summer, or are planning to do so shortly, as we will need the full scores for rehearsals very soon. However, the impact of Covid-19 on people’s employment status may have prevented some members from being able to buy a copy, so we are going to use Chorus funds to purchase a number of scores – and the survey we circulated last week aims to find out how many we need to buy. **If you want to borrow a Rachmaninov score rather than buy one and haven’t yet completed the survey, please do so as soon as you possibly can (see next item).**

If you haven’t already done so, it would help if you could re-name yourself in Zoom, in the format: **Chorus number First name Surname**. This will enable Marianne to compile the registration list more easily, so please do this if you can; instructions are at [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the Music](#).

Do continue to 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.

- [Rachmaninov Vespers No 5 28 July 2020](#)
- [Rachmaninov Vespers No 1 Recap 28 July 2020](#)

Please complete the on-line survey

Grateful thanks to the 96 people who have completed the survey so far. **It would be great if everyone else could complete it by Tuesday 8 September at the latest. Many thanks.**

The survey can be found at the following link:

<https://administrator903478.typeform.com/to/lop471Oq>

It's also in the Members Area of our website at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#)

Search for live rehearsals venue

Thanks to those who sent suggestions for a suitable rehearsal venue, which we are currently investigating. In the meantime if any member knows of a venue that is available for hire, which may have a suitable acoustic and that could accommodate at least 30 of us, but better still 60 of us, while maintaining 2m social distancing, please contact Paul Henstridge at chairman@sheffieldphil.org.

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)

December 2020 : Virtual performance of Darius' new arrangement of *Resonet in Laudibus* with Black Dyke Band, Rutter's Gaelic Blessing and perhaps other carols, presented by Patron Petroc Trelawny with reading from Patron Sam West, recorded from our homes,

Dates for 2021 yet to be confirmed: Sat 15 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, itself 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).

Reminder - 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.

- 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.

Invitation to sing Mozart *Requiem* online

The Runbysingers organise biennial singing trips to Vienna. This year, for obvious reasons, they are instead organising a virtual performance of the Mozart *Requiem*. Rehearsals start on Tuesday 10 November 2020 and are spread over two weeks with the full concert on Saturday 5 December 2020. For details please see www.runbysingers.org/virtual-vienna

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 *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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