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Weekly Update 28 March 2021 (also at [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#))

“Music is the shorthand of emotion” Leo Tolstoy

Next rehearsal Tuesday 30 March 2021

Our next rehearsal is on Tuesday 30 March 2021, when we will all rehearse movements 13 and 15 of the Rachmaninov and then sing movements 1 and 4 (Sanctus) of the Verdi *Requiem*.

A reminder that it is vocally advantageous for everyone to warm up at 7pm, so we are all ready to sing rather than being vocally cold when we all come together. Many thanks.

We will take two weeks off for Easter rather than our usual one, so our next rehearsal after this coming Tuesday will be on Tuesday 20 April 2021. Advice from DCMS and Making Music is that live rehearsals are unable to resume until 19 May 2021 at the earliest, so our April and early May rehearsal will be via Zoom for everyone.

You can always use the Members Area of the Chorus website to find links to download music, and for rehearsal tracks and YouTube recordings, for all the works we are currently rehearsing. You can also use it to have another look at Maggie's vocal exercises that Rachel scored at the start of the lockdown last year. You will find everything at [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the Music](#) and [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing Your Voice](#). Log-in details are at the end of each update.

We are using the same Zoom link each week:

<https://zoom.us/j/98573583645?pwd=czduZWUwdldOa09DWVpORU9UMktPUT09>

Instructions for using Zoom can be found in the Members Area of the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#).

Here are the links to the recordings of last week's rehearsal, which you can use if you were missing or want to do a bit more work or practice your Russian a bit more. There's also a recording of the sing-through of Mozart's *Requiem* led by Matthew Hamilton the previous week. Grateful thanks to Kath Eadon for editing these for us.

- [Rachmaninov Vespers No 6 23 March 2021](#)
- [Rachmaninov Vespers. No 8 23 March 2021](#)
- [Mozart Requiem Workshop/ sing-through with Matthew Hamilton 16 March 2021](#)

Thanks as always to Darius, Rachel, Maggie and Marianne for organising and delivering the online rehearsals.

Maggie's coaching sessions

If you are on the coaching list you will receive an email with instructions on how to book a time slot on our very easy-to-use system. Once you've booked, an auto email response will confirm your time slot. On Tuesday at that time, please leave the main Zoom session, and click the separate meeting link below. You will find yourself in a waiting room. The message "*Please wait for the host to admit you*" will appear, and when Maggie is ready she will admit you to the

session. At the end of your session, leave that meeting and return to the main rehearsal link. Thanks Maggie for all the help you are providing to our Chorus!

Link for Maggie's online coaching sessions

<https://zoom.us/j/93980852238?pwd=MjE3WTUwMXZCVXZRUHZ3NjcwN0tqZz09>

Link to Maggie's vocal exercises: [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing Your Voice](#)

Darius organ recital Monday 29 March at 1.05pm

On Monday 29 March the live broadcast from Leeds Town Hall will feature Darius at the organ. These recitals are held every Monday lunchtime at 13.05 for about 50 minutes, with guest organists some weeks and Darius the rest of the time. Darius will play works by Dukas, Bach, Heathcote Statham, Mendelssohn and Vierne. Here is the link:

<https://www.leedsconcertseason.co.uk/whats-on/all-shows/darius-battiwalla-live-audio-stream/7491>

Sheffield University Music Department concerts

The University of Sheffield's Music Department has launched its next series on concerts, including a recital by Ella Taylor on Tuesday 6 April at 7.30pm; those who buy tickets (£5) will be able to listen for 24 hours after the concert. [Link to Ella's concert page](#) [Link to the What's On page for the rest of the concerts](#)

Music in the Round videos and podcasts

[Watch and listen to Ensemble 360 online via this link](#)

Tenebrae Holy Week Festival

Tenebrae are holding a Holy Week Festival from 28 March – 5 April. Most events will be free and available for 30 days. Highlights include a service for Palm Sunday sung by Tenebrae (28 March), Haydn's string quartet Seven Last Words performed by the Revolutionary Drawing Room (30 March), and Biber's stunning Rosary Sonatas by violinist Bojan Čičić and keyboard specialist Steven Devine (4 April). You can watch a short festival trailer [here](#). All events will be available on SJSS's website at <https://www.sjss.org.uk/>. [More information can be found here](#).

Diary dates (*dates in italics are electives*)

Dates for 2020-21 yet to be confirmed

Sat 15 May 2021: Rachmaninov's *Vespers* - self funded. Will definitely not be in May; watch this space for further information.

Sat 19 June 2021: Faure *Requiem* – self funded. Sheffield City Hall have decided not to open for classical concerts until September, so the Faure concert won't go ahead in the manner originally planned. Watch this space for further information

Dates for 2021-22 and beyond, yet to be confirmed: *Sunday 12 December 2021 (St Luke's carol service)*. Saturday 18 December 2021 (City Hall carol concerts with Black Dyke Band). Saturday 23 April 2022 (re-scheduled Handel *Messiah* concert with Black Dyke Band, City Hall). Sunday 19 March 2023 (re-scheduled Mahler Symphony No. 2 City Hall)

Under discussion: Walton *Belshazzar's Feast* at City Hall, Rutter *Gloria* with Black Dyke Band, re-scheduled Mahler Symphony No. 8 at Bridgewater Hall. The postponed Brahms *Song of Destiny* may happen in January 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](#) (password details provided at the end of this and every weekly update).

Reminder: Maggie's Singalong Concerts January to April 2021

To keep her voice 'concert ready', Maggie is singing along to her favourite recording of the works listed below. Do feel free to do the same in your own homes. Maggie will be with you in spirit as she performs these works in full evening dress in her music room at home! All concerts start at 7.30.

- April 2nd Good Friday – St. John Passion – Bach
- April 4th Easter Sunday – The Resurrection – 2nd Symphony – Mahler

Reminder - Sheffield Music Hub needs a Manager

Sheffield Music Hub is advertising for a full time, permanent Manager. They are seeking a visionary, experienced music and education professional to join the team. The new manager will work as part of a small leadership team and with a dedicated team of Music Leaders, to lead the vision of the Sheffield Music Hub, inspiring others and developing future capacity. Closing date 18 April 2021. . [Follow this link to find out more.](#)

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 (see below). 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*; please don't share these. Urgent messages 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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