

Desert Island Discs on Tue 11 May 2021; Survey thanks; Free vocal health leaflets; Darius new CD; Diary dates; Tell us if contact details change; Websites and passwords; Contact emails

Weekly Update 02 May 2021 (also at [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#))

Rachel's Desert Island Discs on Tuesday 11 May 2021

On Tuesday 11 May 2021 we will have the second of our Desert Island Discs sessions, with our castaway, President Rachel Copley talking to Darius. As when Darius was our castaway - not to be missed!

However, if you did miss the wonderful music chosen by Darius, you can watch the recording, thanks to the sterling efforts of Kath Eadon, who spent an even longer time than usual editing on our behalf. This included hours battling through YouTube's complex and time-consuming copyrighting revenue generation process, and if you get a few adverts along with the recording that will be why! Very grateful thanks Kath, you're an absolute star!

Here is the link: [Darius' Desert Island Disc Choices 27 April 2021](#)

It's the usual Zoom link on Tuesday:

<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 last two rehearsals, thanks again to Kath Eadon for editing these:

- [Bach: Magnificat Movements 1,4,11,12. 4 May 2021](#)
- [Three Italian pieces: Lotti Monteverdi and Palestrina 20 April 2021](#)

Don't forget that you can use the Members Area of the Chorus website to find these recordings – as well as music, rehearsal tracks and YouTube recordings, and Maggie's vocal exercises. 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.

Survey about live rehearsals

Thank you to the 129 members who completed the online survey. 80 members indicated that they would like to take part in live rehearsals at Wesley Hall. We will be in touch with those 80 about the arrangements in due course.

Vocal health online – free leaflet

Maggie tells us that the BVA (British Voice Association) of which she is a member, publishes leaflets about voice care and health, and their most recent is about maintaining a healthy voice whilst working online. You can find the leaflet, along with a number of others that may be useful, on the [Free Leaflets section of their website](#). Maggie also says she is happy to email or chat to anyone who has vocal concerns – please contact Anne Adams in the first instance at administrator@sheffieldphil.org

Darius organ CD now available

The long-awaited CD that Darius mentioned recently is now available from base2music. On it, Darius performs the rarely heard Sonata in C minor by Percy Whitlock, on Rochdale Town Hall's powerful and smooth J.J.Binns organ. There's also Lynwood Farnam's *Toccata* and Fela Sowando's *Kyrie*, a wonderful piece which Darius played in France. The CD costs £18 from the link below. Darius will also take copies for folk to buy to the first live rehearsals (hopefully in June).

<https://www.base2music.store/#!/Percy-Whitlock-Organ-Sonata-Rochdale-Town-Hall-Darius-Battiwalla-SACD-disc/p/348512397/category=0>

Diary dates (*dates in italics are electives*)

Dates for 2020-21 yet to be confirmed

Watch this space for information about possible performance and social events in late June or early July.

Dates for 2021-22 and beyond

Saturday 9 October 2021 (Memorial service for Sue Spence, Firth Hall)

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) – yet to be confirmed

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).

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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