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Weekly Update Monday 13 September 2021 (also at [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#))

First rehearsal Tuesday 14th September 2021 at King Edward's Upper School (two attachments)

Our first rehearsal will be on Tuesday 14th September at King Edwards Upper School at 7pm.

We will start rehearsing music for the After Hours concert in November, and **you will need £4 for the hire of the music, many thanks everyone.**

Thanks to soprano Georgina Hulse for gathering the music together in the absence of a Librarian. Georgina has packaged the various items together to reduce the time it takes to give it out, and asks that you have the correct change ready, to keep the time to a minimum and limit the money she has to handle.

The rehearsal schedule as it stands so far is attached. It will be extended as soon as we have fixed a date for the Rachmaninov concert, which will be sometime in spring.

For those who still feel nervous about attending in person, we will stream the rehearsal via Zoom. However, we haven't done that from King Edwards before, and it may take the first week for us to get the set-up working well, so please don't be surprised if it doesn't work perfectly. The link will be the same one we have used at recent rehearsals:

<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](#).

For those attending in person, the updated Risk Assessment is also attached; please read this carefully and follow the instructions. In essence these are:

- Don't attend if you have Covid-19 symptoms, test positive for Covid, or have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for Covid, or are in quarantine
- Be double vaccinated, or have a negative test within 2 days of the rehearsal
- Wear a face covering before entering the building and at all times except when singing
- Use the student entrance to the right of the main entrance, sign in then go upstairs or use the lift
- Sign in using last year's membership card
- Marianne will take your name if you forget your card - so please try not to!
- If you're late please make your presence known to Marianne during the rehearsal, AND email her as a reminder tomorrow or when you get home
- Use the hand sanitiser on entry
- Don't congregate in the foyer – or anywhere; collect music then go straight to your seat
- Ladies upstairs, men downstairs
- Sit in voice parts but spaced out as far as the seating allows
- There won't be a refreshment break so take your own drink

- There'll be a short break but stay in your seats please
- Don't share music, pencils or refreshments
- Use the ladies/gents as the need arises rather than at the comfort break point
- Rehearsal will end at 8.30 to 8.45 depending on how soon after 7pm we manage to start

King Edwards has introduced a barrier to get into the car park, but this will be open tomorrow night. If it's ever closed in the future, it operates by swinging open in response to a vehicle driving up to the barrier, so no code is required.

Next week we will be joined by around 20 new people who would like to join our Chorus; please make them as welcome as only our choir can. Thank you to those people who have offered to act as 'buddies'; we still need first sopranos - see below. Thank you.

The following week, Tuesday September 28th, we are unable to use the Upper School and the rehearsal will be held in the Lower School. Access details will be included in the weekly update.

For travel and access details for King Edwards, please see our website, at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#) or [Join Us / Rehearsals](#)

Reminder - memorial service on 9 October 2021

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to sing at the memorial service in Firth Hall on Saturday 9 October, for tenor John's Spence's late wife Sue. John, our long-serving Membership Officer until a couple of years ago, would like Chorus members to sing excerpts from the Faure *Requiem* at the service; it was Sue's favourite choral work. If you haven't already let Anne Adams know that you'd like to sing at the service, please send your name and Chorus number, and whether you have a copy of the Faure, to AnneAdams@sheffieldphil.org

1st soprano volunteers needed for 21st September

Thank you to those members who have volunteered to help the many new people who we are expecting to join us next Tuesday, 21st September. We could do with one or two volunteers from among the first sopranos please! Please let Sally know asap if you are willing to help out. SallyTurnbull@sheffieldphil.org

Diary dates (*dates in italics are electives, ie, voluntary*)

Please note that confirmed 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).

2021-22

- *Saturday 9 October 2021 (Memorial service for Sue Spence, Firth Hall, likely to include excerpts from Faure's Requiem) – elective (volunteers wanted, see above)*
- An After Hours concert in the City Hall ballroom, Wed 3 November 2021 9.15 - 10pm (part of Sheffield International Concert Season - SICS). NB. Tickets for this are only available to attendees of the Halle concert, in advance, ie, none available on the night.
- ~~*Sunday 12 December 2021 (St Luke's carol service)*~~ **Sadly, this has been cancelled**
- *December carol singing at Sheffield Station – date to be announced - elective*

- Saturday 18 December 2021 2.30pm. City Hall carol concert with Black Dyke Band and Petroc Trelawny (part of SICS). NB only one concert, in the afternoon.
- Faure *Requiem* at City Hall with Manchester Camerata, January 2022 (part of SICS)
- Rachmaninov *All Night Vigil* sometime in spring 2022, yet to be confirmed. Self-funded.
- Saturday 23 April 2022: Re-scheduled Handel *Messiah* concert with Black Dyke Band, City Hall, with German and French choirs – yet to be confirmed. Self funded.
- Walton *Belshazzar's Feast* at City Hall, June 2022 (part of SICS)

2022-23

- Saturday in December 2022: City Hall carol concert(s) with Black Dyke Band. SICS.
- Sunday 19 March 2023 (Mahler Symphony No. 2 City Hall with Hallam Choral Society, Hallam Sinfonia and Sheffield Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor George Morton, forming the finale of Classical Sheffield's 10th anniversary Festival Weekend)
- Re-scheduled Verdi *Requiem* at City Hall, sometime in 2022-23. SICS.
- re-scheduled Mahler Symphony No. 8 at Bridgewater Hall possibly May/June 2023

Under discussion

- Rutter *Gloria* - Black Dyke Band keen to do this with us sometime

Reminder - Charity Commission Annual Public Meeting 2021

You are invited to join the Charity Commission's Annual Public Meeting on Thursday 30 September 2021 at 2pm. This year's meeting is a virtual event open to all members of the public and charity representatives, and broadcast live online. If you wish to join the event, please sign up below and you will be sent a link for the live broadcast closer to the date.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/charity-commission-annual-public-meeting-tickets-166774339539>

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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