

**Altos and tenors needed for 4<sup>th</sup> Sept event;** First rehearsal Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021; Request to help new members; Diary dates; Tell us if contact details change; Websites and passwords; Contact emails

**Weekly Update Tuesday 17 August 2021 (also at [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#))**

### **Altos and tenors needed for event on Saturday 4th September**

Thank you to those who have volunteered to sing at the Sheffield Festival Showcase in the Winter Gardens on Saturday 4th September. We now have a time – 1.30pm to 1.50pm. We will sing a short programme of unaccompanied works, probably to include *Justorum animae* and *Beati quorum via* by Stanford, Rachmaninov's *Bogoroditse Devo* from the All-Night Vigil, and *Locus iste* and *Christus Factus est* by Bruckner, plus a few madrigals.

So far Anne Adams has heard from 11 sopranos, 2 altos and 4 basses, **so we need more altos - and a few tenors please!**

We will rehearse at the Wesley Hall in Crookes on 24th and 31st August, when music will be provided. There's unlikely to be time for a rehearsal on the day. Singers should either have received two vaccinations, or have tested negative for Covid-19 within 24 hours of each rehearsal and the session on 4th September (evidence not required). Given the fact that we'll only have two rehearsals, it would help if volunteers know or have sung the works before, or are good sight singers.

If you would like to sing at the event on 4th September, please email Anne Adams at [administrator@sheffieldphil.org](mailto:administrator@sheffieldphil.org), giving your name and Chorus number.

For further details about the weekend, see <https://www.ourfaveplaces.co.uk/whats-on/sheffield-showcase>

### **First rehearsal Tuesday 14th September 2021 at King Edward's Upper School.**

The lifting of restrictions means that we are able to start singing together again, which is absolutely fantastic news! Our first rehearsal will be on Tuesday 14th September at King Edwards Upper School at 7pm.

Government and Making Music guidelines advise us to put together a new Risk Assessment that looks at the precautions we will need to take to reduce the Covid-19 risk. We are waiting to hear from King Edward's School about their requirements, and will of course share all the details once they are finalised. This note is just to let you know so you can put that happy date into your diaries!

Unfortunately the Government / Making Music advice is such that we can't have the social event we planned to have at our first rehearsal, which is such a shame. You may be sure that as soon as we are able to hold a social event safely, we will do so!

### **Request to help new members**

About 20 new people have expressed an interest in joining the Chorus, which is really good news. We need members from each voice part to act as 'buddies' for these new people, to help them along for their first few weeks, and make them feel really welcome. Please contact our New Members Officer, Sally Turnbull, if you'd like to help in this way. It can make such a difference to new people – sometimes the difference between leaving or staying with us. Please think about it and let Sally know if you are willing to help out. [SallyTurnbull@sheffieldphil.org](mailto:SallyTurnbull@sheffieldphil.org)

## Diary dates (*dates in italics are electives*)

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 (watch out for the call for volunteers, early September)*
- An After Hours concert in the City Hall ballroom, Wed 3 November 2021 9.15 - 10pm
- ~~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)
- *Faure Requiem* at City Hall, January 2022
- Saturday 23 April 2022 (re-scheduled Handel *Messiah* concert with Black Dyke Band, City Hall) – yet to be confirmed
- Walton *Belshazzar's Feast* at City Hall, June 2022

### 2022-23

- Saturday in December 2022 (City Hall carol concert(s) with Black Dyke Band)
- 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 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary Festival Weekend)
- Re-scheduled Verdi *Requiem* at City Hall, sometime in 2022-23
- 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

### 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](mailto: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 *dariu5*; 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**.

### **Contact emails**

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