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Next rehearsal Tuesday 22 February 2022 at King Edward's Upper School, Sheffield

Our next rehearsal will be on Tue 22 February 2022, at King Edward's Upper School, Sheffield, at 7pm. We will be rehearsing the Rachmaninov and *Messiah* on Tuesday, so please make sure you bring both scores; you will need them both the following Tuesday as well.

The rehearsal schedule is at <http://www.dariusbattiwalla.com/currentschedule.pdf>; also on the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#) along with travel and access details. There are links to useful learning and rehearsal resources, including for Rachmaninov, *Messiah* and the Walton, plus advice for preparing at home and looking after your voice; see [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the music](#). User name and password at bottom of each update.

Covid precautions

- Do not attend if you have symptoms of Covid, flu or a cold, or have been exposed to a person infected with Covid
- Do not attend unless you have had two vaccinations AND a recent negative test
- Please wear face coverings at all times, until just before we sing, unless you're exempt
- Stay distanced as much as you can, including when singing
- Bring your own drinks and don't share them
- Please let us know if you test positive for Covid after the rehearsal; we will continue to alert anyone seated close by

If you develop symptoms, get a PCR test as soon as you can, and isolate if that is also positive. You must also isolate if you don't have symptoms but get a positive lateral flow test result. You can stop isolating when you get two negative lateral flow tests taken on the 5th and 6th day after isolating. The people you live with should take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days, but don't need to isolate unless their test results are positive or they develop symptoms.

If you have been close to someone who has tested positive, take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days - no need to self isolate unless your test results are positive or you develop symptoms.

For more detail about this, see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

Please check Rachmaninov singing list (two attachments)

The singing list for the Rachmaninov concert is attached. Please can you check to see that it is accurate, ie that you're on it if you're singing, and not if you are not? Please tell your Voice Rep, copying in Membership Officer Marianne Grayson about any errors; we need the list to be as accurate as possible so that any imbalances can be addressed, spaced seating can be organised, and for inclusion in the concert programme. Please remember that you need to tell your Voice Rep, copying in Marianne Grayson, if you are not able to sing in any concert, so that Darius has time to address any resulting imbalances. A copy of the Voice Rep and Membership Officer photos and emails is attached.

Rachmaninov *All Night Vigil* (sales to date = 28) and *Messiah* tickets now available

Only three weeks to go until the Rachmaninov concert and just five tickets have been sold online since last week – only 23 online, and 5 at last week's rehearsal. We are hoping to sell all 250 tickets but it isn't looking likely at the moment so please do what you can to get your family and friends to come. Just two tickets per Chorus member would be a sell-out!

Tickets will be on sale at rehearsal, £15 (no booking fee obviously); please try to bring the correct change! Tickets are also available at <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/537298>. There's a button to this online ticket store on our website at [Concerts / Current Season](#). Any tickets left following rehearsal and online sales will be available on the door.

Please share the information and the link to our website or to the online ticket store (see above), eg via email to friends and family - we don't have a mailing list and we don't have access to the City Hall's – people will only come if they hear about it! Here's a link to our [Facebook event page](#) for those who use Facebook – please like and share widely! There are posts on Instagram, and a pinned tweet (see @SheffPhilChorus) with further tweets virtually every day – please follow us and retweet when you see them!

Tickets are now available for our *Messiah* concert in the City Hall via their website at <https://www.sheffieldcityhall.co.uk/event/messiah-23April2022> We are negotiating the release of 100 tickets for sale via rehearsals; details in a future update. However we can't specify which seats will be released in this way and the City Hall is likely to keep the best seats for sale via Ticketmaster, so if this matters you should book via the online link, or in person at the City Hall.

Plea to Facebook users

Please can those of you who use Facebook consider asking your friends and family who are also on Facebook to like our official page: <https://www.facebook.com/SheffieldPhilChorus> You will need to share the page with them of course. This would increase the number of followers and get the adverts which we are posting there out to a much wider audience. Grateful thanks.

Rachel Copley's choir – request for volunteers please!

Our President, Rachel Copley, is asking for volunteers to help out her choir, Rotherham Choral Society, which is putting on a concert on Saturday, April 9th at Herringthorpe United Reformed Church, Wickersley, Rotherham, S60 4JN. The concert will start at 7pm, with a full rehearsal in the afternoon, starting at 2pm. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays, in the same church, from 7 15pm. to 8 45pm; there's no minimum requirement, Rachel is happy to accept whatever help folk can offer. Scores are available to hire; Bach's *Magnificat in D* (Barenreiter) £2.50 and *Olivet to Calvary* by J. H. Maunder (£1.50). There's a car park at the church; just pull in off the road.

If you can help Rachel out in this way, please contact her at rachelcopley@sky.com

Rachmaninov concert arrangements

Arrangements for the Rachmaninov concert are on the website at [Members Area / Concert Arrangements](#) and will be updated as details are finalised. They will also be copied into the weekly update prior to the concert, but many details are already there, for those who like to plan ahead!

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

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 12 March 2022: Rachmaninov *All Night Vigil* St Mark's Church Broomhill. Self-funded. Compulsory rehearsals Tue 08 Mar 7pm at KES and Sat 12 Mar 2.30 to 5.30pm at St Mark's
- Saturday 23 April 2022: Re-scheduled Handel *Messiah* concert with Black Dyke Band, City Hall, with German and French choirs. Self funded. Compulsory rehearsals Thu 21 Apr 2022 7pm at KES and Sat 23 Apr 2.30 to 5.30pm at City Hall.
- Saturday 11 June 2022: Walton *Belshazzar's Feast* at City Hall (part of SICS). Compulsory rehearsals Tue 07 Jun 7pm at KES and Sat 11 June 2.30 to 5.30 at City Hall

2022-23

- An After Hours concert in the City Hall ballroom, probably in November 2022. SICS
- Saturday in December 2022: City Hall carol concert(s) with Black Dyke Band. SICS
- Manchester Camerata concert (something short) City Hall probably February 2023 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. Self-funded
- Re-scheduled Verdi *Requiem* at City Hall, probably mid-June 2023. SICS
- re-scheduled Mahler Symphony No. 8 at Bridgewater Hall possibly June 2023

Under discussion

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

Reminder - Co-op bank account open – please amend SOs - or pay if you haven't yet!

After a long and protracted wait, our bank account with the Co-operative Bank has finally come through. Many thanks to Graham for pursuing this so doggedly on our behalf – Graham you're a star! Those members who pay by standing order (SO) should now please cancel the SO to the HSBC account and set a new SO up so that the payments go into the new account. The bank details are:

- The Co-operative Bank
- Sort code: 08-92-99

- Account: 67238734
- Account name: THE SHEFFIELD PHILHARMONIC CHORUS

Most members have now paid their subs – thank you. Please can those who haven't, pay the £144 (reduced rate £39) as soon as you can? Our rules state that subs should be paid within three months of the AGM at the latest – that's by mid February folks! Please complete the Subs Form at <https://forms.office.com/r/K3C5YRe1DR> - PLEASE USE THE NEW BANK DETAILS LISTED ABOVE. Fees can be paid by cheque (Chorus number on the back please) or bank transfer to the new account (details above). Please use your full names as recognised by HMRC, otherwise Gift Aid collection will be problematic. It really helps if you can enable Gift Aid, in which case please remember to complete the Gift Aid section on the form.

If anyone has difficulty paying for any reason, then please contact Finance Officer Jane Parkin; her phone number and email address are at the bottom of the subscription form; her email is at the bottom of every weekly update.

What's On - Concert in Salford

The following concert in Salford presents a new composition for choirs:
<https://www.rncm.ac.uk/performance/salford-choral-society-our-wonderful-world/>

See Classical Sheffield's What's On page for concerts around Sheffield in the next two weeks: <https://classicalsheffield.org.uk/events>

For up-coming Come and Sing opportunities in our region, see [Members Area / For information / Singing Opportunities](#)

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 or read it on the website at [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#). The user name is the word *member* and the password is *darius5*; please don't share these.

The Members Area lists 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.

A reminder of the Classical Sheffield Member's Area: <https://classicalsheffield.org.uk/about> ; the password is *moremusic*.

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