

Next rehearsal is on Tuesday 01 November 2022

Our next rehearsal is on Tuesday 25th October at 7pm, back at King Edward's Upper School. We can now sit in our original places upstairs, ie from the left facing Darius, Altos, Basses, tenors, Sopranos. Links to rehearsal tracks and YouTube recordings of all the music we are singing are on the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the Music](#)

Gentle reminder: Darius prefers all Chorus members to take part in all concerts wherever possible, and to attend all rehearsals in any case. So please familiarise yourself with this season's rehearsal and concert dates, at <http://www.dariusbattiwalla.com/currentschedule.pdf> or via the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#) (user name *member* password *darius5*).

Please check singing list for November concert (attachment)

The draft singing list for the November concert in two weeks is attached. Please check the list and respond if required, so we can include an accurate list in the concert programme. If you are on the list and are not planning to sing, please let Marianne Grayson know at MarianneGrayson@sheffieldphil.org If you are not on the list and are planning to sing, please contact your Voice Rep as soon as possible (emails listed at bottom of weekly update).

Low ticket sales for November concert (attachment)

Just two weeks to go, and sales for the concert are 12 online plus around 40 at rehearsals. We usually sell about 50 tickets on the night, so this is rather worrying! We have kept costs low on purpose to enable us to make a small profit on this concert, but we must sell over 200 just to break even. Please do what you can to promote the concert (see attachments and links below) and to sell tickets yourself. If everyone sold two tickets each, we would sell out which would be great – it's so much more rewarding to sing to a full house!

Buy tickets from alto Flick Goodliffe at rehearsal, price £15. Please have the correct change if you can. Tickets are also at <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/558901>, and there's a link from the Concerts page of the Chorus website, and from the relevant page on the Classical Sheffield website.

An e-flyer is attached; please use this to invite friends and family, and/or to share via your social media channels. There's a pinned tweet at <https://twitter.com/SheffPhilChorus/status/1586700997950332937> and the concert event is on FaceBook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1754218591600170/?ref=newsfeed>

Stella Jockel Young Composer Competition is launched (attachment)

The Stella Jockel Young Composer Competition will be launched tomorrow. Press releases will go out to local, regional and national media outlets, and invitations to regional school, college and university music departments and conservatoires, music academies and music hubs, plus music organisations and journals.

The competition web pages provide all the details, see <https://sheffieldphil.org/youngcomposer/>

A competition e-flyer is attached, so please send it to friends and family for distribution to any young composers who may be interested in entering, referring them to the website for details. Please also share or retweet any posts you spot on social media.

Website - new password

We've had a few security issues with the website recently so have had to change the password for the Members Area. The new password is **M4hler8D@rius22**. The username is still **member**. Please don't share these, for obvious reasons. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Reminder - 86th AGM on Tuesday 15 November 2022 (two attachments)

The AGM will be on Tuesday 15 Nov 2022 at 8.30pm, after our rehearsal; a draft agenda is attached. If you are unable to attend, please send apologies to administrator@sheffieldphil.org. The formal notice plus papers will be distributed by email tomorrow, 31 October 2022.

Tenor Paul Henstridge is standing down as Chair, after leading the Chorus superbly for some years. Grateful thanks to Paul for all the hard work he has put in during his time as Chair.

Alto Anne Burleigh has come to the end of her tenure as a Member Rep; we are grateful to Anne for all her support at committee meetings, and especially for helping the Librarians at rehearsals. Anne is happy to continue this work, for which we are very grateful.

There are therefore SIX vacancies, for Chair, Minutes Secretary and four Members' Reps. Alto Jo Briddock has kindly volunteered to stand as Chair, and alto Kathy Towers as Minutes Secretary; thank you!

Please think about volunteering as a Member Rep, to represent member views at committee meetings. This is a completely different and separate role from that of Voice Reps, who are not committee members and who therefore don't usually attend meetings.

If you'd like to volunteer, **or are a current committee member**, please submit your nomination form (attached) to Anne Adams on Tue 1st Nov if possible, or by Tue 8th Nov at the latest. You can submit forms on paper or by email (see the form for details). **Please note that no member can propose/second more than one nominee**, and nominees must check this before accepting their proposer and seconder.

Reminder - post AGM wine and cheese social

Social Events Officer Helen Kirk is organising the wine and cheese social that we will enjoy after the AGM, and Richard Salt has kindly agreed to collect donations to cover the cost, so please look out for him at rehearsal and make your contribution if you haven't already. Volunteers to help Helen set up and/or clear away afterwards would be much appreciated; see Helen or email her at HelenKirk@sheffieldphil.org

Darius organ recital

Darius is giving recitals throughout November; the next one is at Lincoln cathedral on 4 November. He will play the Saint-Saens Organ Concerto in Manchester on 7 November. See <http://www.dariusbattiwalla.com/concerts.html>

Diary dates (*dates in italics are voluntary electives; attendance expected at all others*)

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).

- Saturday 12 Nov 2022: concert in St Mark's Church Broomhill, 7.30pm. Self-funded. Compulsory rehearsal probably from 2 to 4pm, to be confirmed.
- Tuesday 15 November 2022: AGM after rehearsal at 8.30pm; social at 9pm
- *Saturday 10 December 2022: carols for Roundabout charity, Meadowhall, 3.30pm*
- *Sunday 11 December 2022: St Luke's carol service, cathedral, 2pm*
- *Wednesday 14 December 2022: carol concert Millennium Galleries, 6pm*

- Saturday 17 Dec 2022: City Hall carol concert with Black Dyke Band, 2.30pm. SICS. Rehearsal probably from 12 noon to 1.30pm at the City Hall.
- Saturday 4 Feb 2023: Caroline Shaw's *Music in Common Time* with Manchester Camerata, 7pm City Hall. SICS (15 minute choral piece). Compulsory rehearsal probably from 2 to 4pm, to be confirmed.
- Sunday 19 Mar 2023 Mahler Symphony No. 2 City Hall with Hallam Choral Society, Hallam Sinfonia and Sheffield Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor George Morton, soprano Ella Taylor, mezzo Anna Harvey. Includes performance of the Young Composer Competition winning piece, and forms the finale of Classical Sheffield's 10th anniversary Festival Weekend. Self-funded. Rehearsal probably from 2pm to 5pm. To be confirmed.
- Sunday 18 Jun 2023: Verdi *Requiem* at City Hall with the Halle and Leeds Festival Chorus, 7pm. SICS. Compulsory rehearsal some time between 2pm and 5pm, to be confirmed.

What's On

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 *M4hler8D@rius22*; 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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