

TUESDAY'S REHEARSAL IS AT ST MARK'S CHURCH

New items: Rehearsal is St Mark's Broomhill, see below for details; sing Will Todd's *Mass in Blue* in July.

Next rehearsal is on Tuesday 04 April 2023

The next rehearsal is on Tuesday 04 April at St Mark's Church Broomhill, Broomfield Road, S10 2SE, because we can't use King Edward's during school holidays. We will be rehearsing the Verdi Requiem. There won't be any heating on, so wrap up if it's a chilly evening.

King Edward's has agreed that we can use their car park on such occasions, use the vehicle and pedestrian gates on Glossop Road. You can park on local streets if you prefer, of course. Buses from across the city go to the Royal Hallamshire Hospital which is right across the road; these include the H1, 2, 6, 10/10a, 120, 181, 271 and X2. The nearest tram stop is University, which is a 10-minute walk away from the church.

There's a link to recordings and rehearsal tracks for the Verdi on the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the Music](#).

Please can those who haven't yet returned their Mahler 2 score, please do so as soon as possible? Please rub out all markings so our Librarians don't have to spend hours on this task. Many thanks.

A gentle reminder that Darius prefers all members to take part in all concerts wherever possible, and to attend all rehearsals in any case. So please check this season's concert and rehearsal dates at <http://www.dariusbattiwalla.com/currentschedule.pdf> or via the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#) (user name *member* password *M4hler8D@rius22*).

Please note that the compulsory conductor rehearsal for the Verdi *Requiem* concert will be on Friday 16 June at 7pm, at **Birkdale School, 4 Oakholme Road, Sheffield, S10 3DH** (Springs Academy has cancelled).

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).

City Hall ask that we keep Mum about the 2023-24 City Hall dates as the brochure has not yet been published.

- Sunday 18 Jun 2023 at 7pm: Verdi *Requiem* at City Hall with Halle and Leeds Festival Chorus, SICS. Compulsory conductor rehearsal Friday 16 June 7pm at Birkdale School, on-the-day rehearsal sometime between 2pm and 5pm, to be confirmed.
- Saturday 28 October 2023 Concert at St Mark's Church, Broomhill, programme to be confirmed. Self-funded
- Tuesday 14 November 2023 – AGM
- Monday 20 November 2023, Victoria Hall, carols with Black Dyke Band (recording session for their new Christmas CD)
- *Sunday 10 December 2023: St Luke's Carol, Service, Sheffield cathedral 2pm (elective)*
- Saturday 16 December 2023 Christmas Concert with Black Dyke Band, Petroc Trelawny presenter. SICS. One concert, 2.30pm.
- Friday 21 June 2024 Mozart *Requiem*, Cadogan Hall London (invitation)

- Saturday 22 June 2024– Mozart *Requiem* with Flanders Symphony Orchestra. SICS. Also, Mozart *Don Giovanni*: Overture and Beethoven Symphony No.8.
- Sunday 23 June 2024 Mozart *Requiem*, Usher Hall Edinburgh (invitation)
- 10 to 17 July 2024 Faure *Requiem*, mini tour in France (self funded)

There may also be a self-funded concert on Saturday 16 March 2024 in Victoria Hall, but this is yet to be confirmed.

Reminder - no concert extract videos on social media please!

Just a reminder that the City Hall forbids the sharing of concert snippets on social media – and we do not have permission from the soloists for this. Many thanks

Reminder - BBC classical music cuts - update (still worth taking action)

As a result of all the protests, the BBC has announced that the BBC Singers will continue while talks take place about alternative funding sources; see <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-65063238>. This implies the BBC will not fund the singers, and presumably the orchestra cuts are still to go ahead.

If you haven't already had the chance, you might want to consider taking some of the actions using amended wording, given that the announcement, while welcome, does not represent a change of heart on the part of the BBC.

1. Submit a complaint to the BBC's Complaints department at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/contact/complaints/make-a-complaint/#/Complaint>
2. Complain to the BBC Board: see <https://www.ism.org/news/take-action-against-bbc-cuts-to-classical-music>
3. Write to Director General Tim Davie at tim.davie@bbc.co.uk
4. Write to Charlotte Moore, the Chief Content Office at the BBC charlotte.moore@bbc.co.uk
5. Write to Lorna Clarke, the Head of Radio and Music at the BBC lorna.clarke@bbc.co.uk
6. Write to your MP (find yours here: <https://members.parliament.uk/members/Commons>)
7. Share posts you see on social media, especially those that are spreading the link to 'what to do' information.

There's a great blog at this link with suggested wording that you easily amend: <https://blog.thoroughlygood.me/2023/03/14/what-you-can-do-to-save-the-bbc-singers-and-orchestral-musicians/>

Many thanks for your help, and for agreeing to allow our SPC social media accounts to get involved in this issue.

Reminder - new SPC black folders

Sally and Marianne will have a few folders at each rehearsal from now on, for anyone who'd like to buy a new folder which carries the up-to-date SPC logo, price £7.50. No obligation, but it might suit you if your folder is getting a bit battered. Don't forget that narrow black elastic wound round the spine a few times, holds lots of large-sized scores more effectively than the in-built folder cords, and can't be seen by the audience.

Invitation to sing Will Todd's Mass in Blue Sat 1st July 2023

Sheffield Oratorio Chorus and Sheffield Chamber Choir are performing *Mass in Blue* by Will Todd, conducted by Will Todd, along with Bob Chilcott's *Nideros Jazz Mass* on Saturday 1st July 2023. They are inviting guest singers to join them – a £25 fee is payable. Rehearsals with

SOC are on Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm until 9:00 pm at St Andrews Church, Psalter Lane, Sheffield S11 8YL from Wednesday 5th April (no rehearsal 12th April).

There's also a Workshop Day led by Will Todd on Saturday June 10th from 11:00am to 3:30pm, open to anyone, whether or not they intend to sing in the concert in July. Sign up online for £20 at <https://www.sheffieldoratorio.org.uk/guestsingers>

Bring & Sing Choral Day Sat 10 June

Martin Lightowler is organising a Bring and Sing Choral day in Broomhill on Saturday June 10th. Martin conducts The Westside Singers and is an experienced choral conductor. See flyer on thechorus website at [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#)., or email martinlightowler@gmail.com or text on 07948 407 209.

Leeds Leider Festival 9 to 17 June - guest Dame Janet Baker 11 June

A flyer for the Leeds Leider Festival is on Chorus website at [MembersArea/Weekly Updates](#).. Note the event featuring Dame Janet Baker on Sunday afternoon 11 June.

Choraline rehearsal tracks

If you use [Choraline](#) to purchase rehearsal tracks, please note that we have a discount of 20% on standard prices. To claim this, use the code SHEFF and type 'SINGER' in the discount code on the basket page. If ordering by telephone, quote these when asked.

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](#) (new spreadsheet uploaded).

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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