

New items: Mahler 2 in Monte Carlo, Committee meeting Wed, invitation to reception on 18 June 2023 at 5pm, further plea for tenors and basses to sing Taverner, Mozart, Bruckner etc in June, Tim Night Baroque Masters event postponed to Nov, two new singing opportunities including Mozart Requiem

Next rehearsal is on Tuesday 16 May 2023

The next rehearsal is on Tuesday 16 May at King Edward VII Upper School, rehearsing the Verdi Requiem. Please use the vehicle gate on Glossop Road; pedestrians can use the gates on both Glossop Road and Newbould Lane (they may need a good push).

Georgina Hulse's singing workshop from 18.30 to 18.55 in Lab 5 (where Maggie's sessions are held, on the same floor as the foyer). All welcome – you don't need to attend every session. Please alert any newcomers who sit near you as they are especially welcome.

Please check next season's concert dates (in Diary Dates below) and let your Voice Rep know about any concert you are unable to attend. A gentle reminder that Darius prefers all members to take part in all concerts wherever possible, and to attend all rehearsals in any case. Many thanks. Dates for this season are at <http://www.dariusbattiwalla.com/currentschedule.pdf> or via the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#) (user name member password M4hler8D@rius22).

The Chorus website also has a link to recordings and rehearsal tracks for the Verdi, at [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the Music](#).

If you'd like a new folder with the up-to-date SPC logo, Sally and Marianne will have a few each week, price £7.50. No obligation. 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.

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. This will be instead of, rather than as well as, the rehearsal on Tuesday 13 June 2023.

Mahler 2 in Monte Carlo in September

Looks like the trip to Monte Carlo with the CBSO is on! The tour schedule will be (roughly):

- Friday 22nd September: TRAVEL DAY, Flight from Birmingham to Nice
- Saturday 23rd September: Free morning. Piano & general rehearsals pm and evening
- Sunday 24th September: Free morning and afternoon + Evening Concert
- Monday 25th September: TRAVEL DAY, Flight from Nice to Birmingham

CBSO are willing to book a coach at their company rates to get SPC singers to and from Birmingham Airport; SPC singers to share the cost. From there all travel, transfers, accommodation (twin rooms) and breakfast will be arranged by CBSO and SPC singers will be asked for a contribution of around £330 to cover the cost. They will also need money for meals other than breakfast, and personal spending money. CBSO Chorus Management will travel with the chorus to support singers and co-ordinate all logistics over the four-day trip.

Committee meeting on Wednesday

There's a committee meeting on Wednesday evening, so if you have any suggestions or comments, please pass them on via one of your Member Representatives on the Committee – soprano Christine Pennington or soprano Jenny Swann, or tenor Patrick Callaghan.

Invitation to reception on 18 June 2023 at 5pm

The Halle and Sheffield City Trust invite all Chorus members to a pre-concert drinks reception in the City Hall ballroom on Sunday 18 June 2023 at 5pm. This event will be a celebration of the end of the 2022/2023 season with a look back over the history and heritage of the Hallé performing in Sheffield, as well as looking to future plans for the 2023/2024 season and beyond. Also, Hallé Chief Executive David Butcher will give a pre-concert introduction to the 2023/24 Season in the main auditorium at 6pm until about 6.30.

We have been asked to RSVP, so have a think about whether you will want to attend this and Anne will take numbers at a future rehearsal.

Further plea for tenors and basses on Sat 10 June

Tenors and basses needed for Martin Lightower's Bring and Sing Choral day in Broomhill on Saturday June 10th, to sing John Taverner Kyrie 'Leroy', Francisco Guerrero O Domine Jesu Christe, Mozart Ave Verum Corpus, Anton Bruckner Locus Iste, Clive Pollard The Cloths of Heaven, Martin Åsander Peace & John Tavener The Lamb. Scroll down to Singing Opportunities for further details.

Darius concerts

- Sunday 21 May 3pm Manchester Cathedral (Sowande, Stanford, Jongen, Josephine Boulay, Bach, Johnson, Coates)
- Thursday 1 June, 8 pm, St John's Church, Ranmoor, Sheffield. Free admission. (Stanford, Bach, Nadia Boulanger, Vierne, Lemare)
- Saturday 17 June 7pm St Mark's Church Broomhill (coronation organ pieces, part of Sheffield Bach Choir Coronation concert)
- Monday 26 June, 1.15pm, Leeds, St Anne's Cathedral, [International Organ Festival series](#) (Mendelssohn, Bach, Reubke)

Full list and details at <http://www.dariusbattiwalla.com/concerts/concerts-2023.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).

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 (no Tuesday rehearsal that week), on-the-day rehearsal sometime between 2pm and 5pm, to be confirmed.
- *22 to 25 September 2023 Mahler 2 in Monte Carlo (elective)*
- Saturday 28 October 2023 Durufle *Requiem* and other French pieces, Tavener *Syvati*, plus Rachel Fright's *Sheffield Nocturne* and cello and organ solo pieces. St Mark's Church, Broomhill, programme to be confirmed. Self-funded
- Tuesday 14 November 2023 – AGM
- Monday 20 November 2023, venue to be arranged, 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.

- Saturday 16 March 2024, Britten *St Nicholas* plus works by contemporaries of Britten including Grace Williams. Victoria Hall, self-funded with small orchestra.
- April 2024 – possible Come and Sing event – Haydn’s *Creation*, venue and date to be confirmed.
- 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)

Singing opportunities

- Karl Jenkins’ *The Peace Makers* in Chesterfield 3 June 2023 £25. For details see <https://chestphilchoir.org.uk/choral-day/>
- 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 the Chorus website at [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#), or email martinlightowler@gmail.com or text on 07948 407 209.
- Workshop Day singing Will Todd’s *Mass in Blue* led by the composer himself, on Saturday June 10th from 11:00am to 3:30pm. Open to anyone, sign up online for £20 at <https://www.sheffieldoratorio.org.uk/guestsingers>
- Sunday 11th June 2023, 11am-12.30pm - A musical walking trail with SongPath, a mental health initiative, at Kirkstall Abbey. <https://leedslieder.org.uk/whats-on/sunday-11-june-songpath-leeds-2023/>
- Bring and Sing! Mozart *Requiem* Saturday 17th June 2023, 2.30pm-5pm (rehearsal), 5.30pm- 6.30pm (performance) - with conductor Andrea Brown at Leeds Minster. <https://leedslieder.org.uk/whats-on/saturday-17-june-bring-and-sing-rehearsal-mozart-requiem/>
- Will Todd’s *Mass in Blue* Sat 1st July 2023. Sheffield Oratorio Chorus (SOC) and Sheffield Chamber Choir, conducted by Will Todd, plus Chilcott’s *Nideros Jazz Mass*. Saturday 1st July 2023. £25 fee. SOC rehearsals Wed evenings from 19:30 until 21:00 pm at St Andrews Church, Psalter Lane, Sheffield S11 8YL from Wednesday 5th April (no rehearsal 12th April). Sign up online at <https://www.sheffieldoratorio.org.uk/guestsingers>
- Baroque Masters, Channing Hall, Sunday 04 November 2023. Tim Knight’s latest Come and Sing event, Channing Hall, 45 Surrey St, Sheffield S1 2LG, UK, is now on Sunday 4 November (re-scheduled from July due to train strikes). Vivaldi’s *Gloria*, Bach, Handel and other classic choral pieces. Some sight-reading ability and choral experience an advantage. Music for hire on the day. £15 ticket includes refreshments. Book <https://www.timknightmusic.com/events/come-and-sing-day-the-baroque-masters>

A list of wider singing opportunities, compiled by Phil Masters and provided by John Morgan, is on the Chorus website at [Members Area / Information / Singing Opportunities](#)

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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