

## New items:

- **carol concert arrangements;**
- **new version of St Lukes / Bents Green carols list attached**
- **Rachel seeks tenors for St Lukes and Bents Green**
- **Comments re strategic aims to [PatrickCallaghan@sheffieldphil.org](mailto:PatrickCallaghan@sheffieldphil.org)**

## Subscription fees now due

Subscription fees for the 2023/24 season are now due. Please could everyone fill in a subscription form here: <https://forms.office.com/e/SAaTXSueH5> and make arrangements to pay your subscription fees (instructions are on the form). When you have paid, either in full or by setting up a monthly standing order, Finance Officer Jane Parkin will give you your new membership card. Many thanks.

## Carol concert arrangements

Arrangements for the Christmas carol concert at the City Hall will be circulated the week before the concert. However, most of the details are already on the Chorus website at [Members Area / Concert arrangements](#) (user name member password M4hler8D@rius22).

Please keep plugging the concert. The City Hall have opened up the central balcony due to demand, which is good news!

## Rehearsals (attachment)

Our next rehearsal, for the Christmas carol concert, is on Tuesday 5 December 2023 at 7pm in King Edward's Upper School School. The pedestrian code is #7816. There are re-auditions after the rehearsal so please leave quickly and quietly so those involved can start promptly.

The carol concert running order is attached and on the Chorus website (along with arrangements for the concert) at [Members Area / Concert arrangements](#) (user name member password M4hler8D@rius22).

Please remember to sign in at the laptop, or manual sheet if you don't have a card or are late.

Please remember to turn off the sound on your mobile 'phone during the rehearsal – it's distracting to other members and to Darius - **and no-one should be using their mobile during the rehearsal unless there's an emergency**. Please nudge the person next to you if they appear not to have seen this message! Many thanks.

Darius will issue a rehearsal schedule for the rest of the year in due course, at <http://www.dariusbattiwalla.com/currentschedule.pdf>, also on the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#) (user name member password M4hler8D@rius22).

Please check the season's concert dates and their compulsory piano and tutti rehearsal dates and times (in Diary Dates below) and let your Voice Rep know about any concert or compulsory rehearsal 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.

## Music

Recordings of those carols which have a one, are on the website at [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the Music](#) (user name *member* password *M4hler8D@rius22*).

If you use [Choraline](#) to purchase rehearsal tracks, please note that we have a discount of 20% off 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.

New music folders are available at rehearsals, from Sally and Marianne, price £7.50. No obligation. Narrow black elastic wound round the spine a few times holds multiple copies of sheet music more effectively than the in-built folder cords, and can't be seen by the audience.

### **Carol singing electives (attachment) – desperate for tenors!**

Please sign up for one or both of the carol-singing events. We are, as always, **desperate for tenors!** Instructions and singing lists attached – **NOTE THIS IS A NEW VERSION.** Rachel Copley will conduct both.

- Thursday 7 December 2023 carols at Bents Green School Ringinglow Rd at 2pm (signing in) for 2.30pm (singing) for half an hour. Pianist Nigel Gyte. Bright Xmas garb.
- Sunday 10 December 2023: St Luke's Carol Service, Sheffield cathedral 2pm Full concert dress, rehearsal 1pm in the cathedral. Come dressed already as nowhere to change.

### **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](#) ((user name member password M4hler8D@rius22)).

- *Thursday 7 December 2023 carols at Bents Green School Ringinglow Rd (elective) 2pm to sign-in, sing at 2.30 for half an hour. Rachel Copley will conduct, Nigel Gyte will play. Bright Xmas garb, Short rehearsal on Tuesday 28 November immediately after the main rehearsal (which is in the Lower School).*
- *Sunday 10 December 2023: St Luke's Carol Service (elective), Sheffield cathedral 2pm Full concert dress. Short rehearsal on Tuesday 28 November immediately after the main rehearsal (which is in the Lower School).*
- Saturday 16 December 2023 2.30pm Christmas Concert Sheffield City Hall with Black Dyke Band, Petroc Trelawny presenter. SICS\* Compulsory piano rehearsal Tue 12 December 2023. Compulsory on-the-day rehearsal probably 12.00 to 13.30.
- Saturday 16 March 2024 7.30pm, Victoria Hall, self-funded; works by Gustav Holst and Imogen Holst, Britten and Grace Williams. Compulsory piano rehearsal Tue 12 March 2024. Compulsory on-the-day rehearsal to be confirmed but probably 14.00 to 17.00
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024 from 10.30 to 12.30, 2pm to 4pm, performance 5-6pm – Come and Sing event, Parts 1 and 2 of Haydn's *Creation* at the Upper Chapel on Norfolk Street, S1 2JD. Compulsory piano rehearsal yet to be confirmed.
- Friday 21 June 2024 Mozart *Requiem*, Cadogan Hall London. Free coach provided. Compulsory piano rehearsal Tue 18 June 2024
- Saturday 22 June 2024 7pm Mozart *Requiem* Sheffield City Hall with Flanders Symphony Orchestra. SICS\*. Also, Mozart *Don Giovanni*: Overture and Beethoven Symphony No.8. Compulsory piano rehearsal Tue 18 June 2024. Compulsory on-the-day rehearsal to be confirmed but probably 14.00 to 17.00
- Sunday 23 June 2024 Mozart *Requiem*, Usher Hall Edinburgh. Free coach provided. Compulsory piano rehearsal Tue 18 June 2024
- *10 to 17 July 2024 Faure Requiem, mini tour in France (elective)*
- Friday 21 to Sunday 23 March 2025 – Classical Sheffield Festival Weekend. SPC may be involved in collaboration with other CS members, possibly for the finale concert on Sunday.

\*SICS = concert is part of the Sheffield International Concert Season

### **Darius concerts**

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

## **Reminder – AGM (attachment)**

Thank you for the interesting and thoughtful responses to the strategic aims and objectives. These will be taken into account when we refine it at the next committee meeting in mid-January. The document is attached, so anyone who wasn't there or who didn't get time to comment and would now like to, please email Patrick Callaghan at [PatrickCallaghan@sheffieldphil.org](mailto:PatrickCallaghan@sheffieldphil.org)

## **Reminder: Nicholas Childs on BBC Radio 3's In Tune Thu 14 Dec around 5.30pm**

Nick will be doing a live 'down the line' interview at around 5.30pm, with presenter Sean Rafferty to promote the Black Dyke Band / Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus carol concert on 16 December. The programme is streamed live on the BBC Radio 3 website and will be available as 'audio on demand' for 30 days after the broadcast. Please feel free to Tweet about the broadcast beforehand, during and afterwards @BBCInTune.

## **Singing opportunities**

Back Madeline Bell and the English Chamber Orchestra at London's Cadogan Hall on 13th April 2024 with Roger Cook, Ian Shaw and Paul Gambaccini. Rehearsals at The Crossing St Paul's, Darwall Street, Walsall WS1 1DA on six consecutive Sats from 2nd Mar, 12noon to 6pm. Free parking at Saddlers Shopping Centre. Fee £60 payable on application. Same-day return coach provided. Contact [gill.heath@saintececile.co.uk](mailto:gill.heath@saintececile.co.uk) if interested; form on Chorus website at [Members Area / Information / Singing Opportunities](#). (user name member password M4hler8D@rius22).

Choir Camp 2024 with Suzi Quatro, 7th to 9th June, Dunfield House, Herts. £75 off £224 residential fee (Code SUB224) or £50 off £149 non-residential fee (Code SUB149). Contact [gill.heath@saintececile.co.uk](mailto:gill.heath@saintececile.co.uk) if interested; form on Chorus website at [Members Area / Information / Singing Opportunities](#). (user name member password M4hler8D@rius22).

A list of wider singing opportunities, compiled by Phil Harrison and provided by John Morgan, is on the Chorus website at [Members Area / Information / Singing Opportunities](#) (user name member password M4hler8D@rius22).

## **What's On (attachment)**

Classical Sheffield's What's On page tells you which classical concerts are scheduled around Sheffield: <https://classicalsheffield.org.uk/events>. There's a 'what's on at Christmas' attached and at <https://classicalsheffield.org.uk/news/christmas-with-classical-sheffield>

## **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 or read it on the website at [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#) User name *member* password *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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