

## **NEW / IMPORTANT ITEMS (scroll down for further details)**

- **TUESDAY'S REHEARSAL IS AT BIRKDALE – first half Mozart**
- **BBC recording our rehearsal on 4 June 2024**
- **Garden Party / Schubertathon on 8 and 9 June 2024**
- **Sing Beethoven 9 on Saturday 20 July in Sheffield**
- **Summer Sing on 13 August 2024 (attachment)**
- **Sheffield Cultural Survey deadline 2 June 2024**
- **Don't forget to use special email to tell SPC about change of address, telephone or email (see bottom of every update)**

### **Next rehearsal is on Tuesday 28 May 2024 at Birkdale**

The next rehearsal is on Tuesday 28 May 2024 at Birkdale School (map at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#)).

- For buses, see <https://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/>.
- Street parking unless arranged with Jim; restrictions end 18.30. Take bikes into the hall.
- Access via Endcliffe Cres or Caxton Road (slightly longer walk). Once inside Endcliffe Cres gate, go through door straight ahead (see map at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#)).
- Please stack your own chair at the end - or get someone to do it for you.
- Toilets near the hall. Disabled access to Ladies only; you may need to wait if it's in use.

We will rehearse the Mozart, then the French repertoire. You will find recordings and links to voice part rehearsal tracks for the Mozart *Requiem* and for some of the French repertoire on the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the music](#).

Many thanks for your consideration regarding mobile 'phone interruptions and distractions. Please nudge the person next to you if they get out their mobile during the rehearsal; it's okay in emergencies of course but please leave the room. Many thanks.

### **Reminder - BBC recording our rehearsal on 4 June at Birkdale**

On Tuesday 4 June BBC Radio 4 will record our rehearsal at Birkdale so they can feature SPC in one of the new episodes of [How to Play](#). They will record the general hubbub as we enter and sign in, so be aware that snatches of your conversations may be recorded!

They will also record the rehearsal in Cadogan Hall on 21 June, and interviews with the conductor and a selection of choir members, soloists and orchestral players. The series is scheduled for around the end of August/beginning of September. Use this link to see previous [How to Play](#) series - CBSO, The Hallé, the LPO and the NYO, Nicola Benedetti, Marin Alsop, Stephen Hough and Mark Elder.

### **Reminder - Garden Party / Schubertathon on 8 and 9 June 2024**

Chorus members are invited to a sort of garden party at Chris Wiltshire's home on 8 and/or 9 June. Chris is the widow of former member soprano Pat Wiltshire who died in June 2023, and he'd like to emphasise that this is NOT a concert - folk can drop in at any time on either day, and socialise with one another in the garden while he plays from 8am to 8pm on both days at his home, 27 Hallam Grange Rise, to raise money for Alzheimers Research.

Schubert was the last music to which Pat responded and June 8th will be the second anniversary of her death. Refreshments are provided – so do go along for coffee and cake and a chat to other Chorus members.

### **Sing Beethoven 9 on Saturday 20 July in Sheffield**

Martin Cropper, Music Director of Sheffield Music Academy, is organising a performance of Beethoven 9 to celebrate the composer's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary, on Saturday 20 July at Sheffield

Cathedral. Anyone who has sung it before is invited to join the orchestra of fantastically talented young musicians from the academy. Rehearsal 3pm Concert 7pm. If you'd like to join in, contact Martin Cropper at [martin@sheffieldmusicacademy.co.uk](mailto:martin@sheffieldmusicacademy.co.uk) stating your voice part.

### **Summer Sing on Tuesday 13 August 2024 (map attached)**

Message from Helen Kirk: "We are planning to hold a Summer Sing again. This time the venue is going to be very different and extremely beautiful. Chalotte Liu (1st Sop) and her husband Doug have kindly offered to let us meet in their garden. They can even provide cover in the form of a Poly Tunnel, which we hope will not be needed, Here is a link to information and photos of the garden, which was recently featured in Gardener's World on the BBC. [Doug & Charlotte \(@arcadia\\_landscape\\_design\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

**Date:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August **Time:** 7pm or 6:30pm **Venue:** Arcadia Landscape design. Long Lane, off Back Lane, Stephen Hill S10 5PY **Please do not use the post code to find it as it covers a vast area.** It is next to Holly Hagg Community Farm and shares a gate with the farm. **Music:** To be decided, possibly including some madrigals. **Refreshments:** A bring and share buffet, more detail later.

If you wish to sign up, please look out for lists at rehearsals in the next few weeks. Please include your name and chorus number under your voice part. As I write this I am enjoying the lovely warm weather, let us hope that it will be as kind on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Best wishes, Helen"

### **Last chance to complete Sheffield Cultural Survey**

The city-wide consultation to feed into the Sheffield Culture Strategy 2024 will run until June 2nd 2024, please 'Have Your Say' if you live in Sheffield - [Have your Say on the new Culture Strategy 2024 here.](#)

### **Rehearsal schedule**

The rehearsal schedule is at <http://www.dariusbattiwalla.com/currentschedule.pdf>, there's also a link from the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#) (user name member password M4hler8D@rius22).

### **Music**

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

Music folders with up-to-date logo 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 and can't be seen by the audience.

### **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).

- Friday 21 June 2024 Mozart *Requiem*, Cadogan Hall London. Free coaches provided. Compulsory piano rehearsal Tue 18 June 2024. On-the-day tutti rehearsal 15.30 to 17.30 Cadogan Hall London. Numbers restricted to 94 unfortunately, due to capacity at Cadogan Hall.
- 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 16.40pm

- Sunday 23 June 2024 Mozart *Requiem*, Usher Hall Edinburgh. Free coach provided. Compulsory piano rehearsal Tue 18 June 2024. Compulsory on-the-day rehearsal to be confirmed
- 11 to 17 July 2024 mini tour in France (elective). Rehearsals 25 June, 2 and 9 July 2024. Programme: Faure *Requiem*, Grieg: *Ave Maris Stella*, Esenvalds: *Evening* and *Amazing Grace*, Delius: *To be sung of a summer night on the water*, Coleridge Taylor: *Summer is gone* and *The Lee Shore*, Clara Schumann: *Abendfeier in Venedig*, Fanny Mendelssohn (Hensel): *Schone Fremde*, Reger: *Nachtlied*, Bruckner: Motets, Stanford; 3 motets. (recordings and rehearsal tracks for these works are on the Chorus website at <https://sheffieldphil.org/one-of-us/preparing-the-music/rehearsal-resources-from-previous-concerts/>)

## 2024-25

- Friday 15 November 2024, 7pm, concert with the Halle at City Hall SICS\*
- Saturday 14 December 2024, 2.30pm, Christmas Carol Concert at City Hall SICS\*
- Sunday 15 December 2024 St Lukes carol Service (elective)
- Sunday 23 March 2025, 7pm, St Marie's cathedral, final concert of the Classical Sheffield Festival Weekend: Young Composer Competition winner(s), two newly-commissioned works and Faure *Requiem* (self funded, part-sponsored).
- April / May – self funded concert of some kind
- Sunday 8 June 2025 4pm, concert with the Halle at City Hall SICS\*

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

## Darius concerts

- Saturday 15 June Huddersfield Town Hall
- Saturday 22 June Manchester Cathedral
- Thursday 4 July, 1pm Halifax Minster
- Monday 16 September, 1.15pm Leeds, St Anne's Cathedral

Full list and details on Darius's website at <http://www.dariusbattiwalla.com/index.html>

## Street Choirs Festival in Sheffield 7 to 9 June

The annual Street Choirs Festival will be held in Sheffield on 7 - 9 June 2024. 45 street choirs from around the country are taking part and will be singing in locations around the city centre from 10.00am to 12.00pm on Saturday 8 June. The choirs will then combine to perform a massed sing in the Peace Gardens at 12.30pm with 1,000 individual singers taking part. They will sing together in support of peace, human rights and climate and social justice. [streetchoirsfestival.co.uk](http://streetchoirsfestival.co.uk)

## Singing opportunities

- Pennine Spring Music Festival 27 May to 1 June 2024. A week's singing in Heptonstall, Calderdale, including Lili Boulanger's *Hymne au Soleil* and Morten Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna*, Apply on-line at <http://www.penninespringmusic.co.uk/join-us/>. There are bursaries to help young singers to take part; email: [penninespringmusic@gmail.com](mailto:penninespringmusic@gmail.com) for details.
- The Music Summer School and Festival (27th July to 10th August 2024) is offering £50 to any choir named, if booked before 1 March 2024. Courses available in choral singing, chamber choir, vocal ensembles, opera, song and much more. Tutors include Stile Antico, Andrew Griffiths, Anna Tilbrook, James Gilchrist, Dame Jane Glover, Ruby Hughes, Sarah Gabriel, Gavin Roberts, Pippa Dames Longworth. See [www.mssf.org.uk](http://www.mssf.org.uk) for details.

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**

Classical Sheffield's What's On page tells you which classical concerts are scheduled around Sheffield: <https://classicalsheffield.org.uk/events>.

### **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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