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Next rehearsal is on Tuesday 11 June 2024 at Birkdale

The next rehearsal is on Tuesday 11 June at Birkdale School (map at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#)).

We will rehearse the Mozart before the break and the French programme afterwards. Darius would like members to sit with people from other voice parts – as varied and mixed as possible please.

A collated list of Darius' rehearsal notes for the Mozart is on the website at [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the Music](#) Please make every effort to include these in your scores so Darius doesn't have to repeat himself. Many thanks.

- For buses to the venue, 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.

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](#). This includes the links recently kindly provided by 2nd alto Alex Walton (many thanks Alex!)

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.

Arrangements for the Mozart concert

Many more arrangements have now been finalised, including coach pick-up locations and timings. **The details are all on the Chorus website at [Members Area / Concert Arrangements](#). User name *member* Password *M4hler8D@rius22*.**

It would be good if members would use the website at the above link when they need to check details – they are updated regularly, often within minutes of receiving further details.

Coach lists will be circulated in due course, to check everyone's pick-up choices, so please look out for those.

BBC recording

Many thanks to members for being so responsive during the recording. The BBC chaps were very pleased and said you could really tell the difference in how we sounded after following Darius' instructions, which will be great for the programme. Many thanks to those who gave interviews; the producer said they were really interesting and perfect for their needs. Thanks to Jim and Marianne and everyone who helped behind the scenes, to Maggie for helping us

to improve, for Rachel for superb accompaniment and of course to Darius for preparing us well – and for being on top form last week!

Message from ex-member Helga Parr

Ex-member Helga Parr is coming from Norway to visit Sally and David Booker and while she's here will join us for the Mozart *Requiem* rehearsal on the Tuesday before. They will attend the concert in the City Hall and will drive up to Edinburgh on Sunday morning to hear it there as well. Might she be our biggest fan or what?!! Helga says a big 'Hello' to the people who know her.

Reminder - Summer Sing on Tuesday 13 August 2024

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 13th 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 13th. Best wishes, Helen"

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.

Channel 4 seek amateur pianists

Channel 4 are filming an episode of *The Piano* in Sheffield this July and are on the lookout for amateur piano players based in and around the area to take part. Now in its third series, *The Piano* features amateur players of all ages and walks of life, showcasing their stories about why they love the instrument. The show invites people to play at public train station pianos in cities across the country. After this, a selection of players are chosen to perform at a very special final concert. See <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/the-piano> If interested apply via <https://takepartinthepiano.co.uk/>

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. June 18 rehearsal only compulsory for those who need it to meet the attendance requirement. On-the-day tutti rehearsal 15.30 to 17.30 Cadogan Hall London.
- 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. June 18 rehearsal only compulsory for those who need it to meet the attendance requirement. Compulsory on-the-day rehearsal probably 16.40pm
- Sunday 23 June 2024 Mozart *Requiem*, Usher Hall Edinburgh. June 18 rehearsal only compulsory for those who need it to meet the attendance requirement. Compulsory on-the-day rehearsal 13.15
- 11 to 17 July 2024 *mini tour in France (elective)*. Rehearsals 25 June (Birkdale) and 2 July 2024 (venue to be arranged). Please work at home on the 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/or rehearsal tracks for these works are on the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the music](#). This includes the links recently kindly provided by 2nd alto Alex Walton (many thanks Alex!)

2024-25

- Friday 15 November 2024, 7pm, Lily Boulanger Psalm 103 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>

Singing opportunities

- 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 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 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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