

NEW / IMPORTANT ITEMS (scroll down for further details)

- **Sing Beethoven Nine Sat 20 July Sheffield cathedral from 3.30pm**
- **Please respond to Sheffield's Cultural Strategy – classical music missing!**
- **Summer Sing on 13 August 2024 – parking and directions**
- **SPC Social on WhatsApp**
- **PLEASE use the special email to tell SPC about change of address, telephone or email (see bottom of every update)**

Beethoven Ninth Come and Sing - Saturday 20th July - Sheffield Cathedral

Sheffield Music Academy are looking to invite as many experienced local singers as possible to come and join us in a performance of Beethoven's Ninth this coming Saturday 20 July 2024. They are celebrating 200 years of this momentous work and looking to raise the roof of Sheffield Cathedral, with a wonderful line up of professional soloists and outstanding young musicians of Sheffield Music Academy conducted by Christopher Gayford.

90-minute rehearsal 3.30pm - 5pm Saturday 20 July in the cathedral; performance 7pm.

Visit their website to sign up www.sheffieldmusicacademy.org

Please respond - Sheffield's Draft Cultural Strategy misses out classical music!

Sheffield's draft cultural strategy has been released. The delivery plan looks encouraging, but there is little mention of classical music or Classical Sheffield or the International Concert Season, which of course is a concern.

Citizens are invited to provide feedback, having read the draft strategy which you can do via this link to the [Draft Strategy](#)

The visual arts are very well represented in the strategy, which is testament to the way visual arts organisations galvanised their members who responded to the invitation to plead their case via the initial survey and the workshops. Those compiling the strategy need to hear from classical music enthusiasts!

The survey only takes about 5 minutes, so please consider responding to 'bang the drum' for classical music: <https://haveyoursay.sheffield.gov.uk/culture-strategy>

We are also invited to respond via email at culturestrategy@weareopus.org. The email sent by Anne Adams (Classical Sheffield trustee) is attached.

Summer Sing on Tue 13 August – directions and parking

Summer Sing, at 6.30-7.00pm on Tuesday 13 August at soprano Charlotte Liu's large garden - Arcadia Landscape design, Long Lane, off Back Lane, Stephen Hill S10 5PY. Music provided, there's a poly tunnel if it rains. Bring and Share. – please bring something savoury or sweet.

Here is a link to information and photos of the garden, which was featured in BBC Gardener's World. [Doug & Charlotte \(@arcadia_landscape_design\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

NB: There is no parking at the site. Street parking on Long Lane. Car sharing advised.

Charlotte's garden is next door to the Holly Hagg Community Farm see their website for directions, bus information etc. <https://hollyhagg.org.uk/holly-hagg-directions/>

SPC Social WhatsApp group

The Chorus is setting up a WhatsApp group for anyone who wants to keep in touch socially, share choir/music info and photos and engage in friendly, supportive and encouraging chat. If you use WhatsApp and fancy joining in, just search for SPC Social any time from 1st August onwards.

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).

2024-25

- Friday 15 November 2024, 7pm, Lily Boulanger Psalm 103 with the Halle at City Hall (first half) Second half features Darius on the organ with the Saint-Saens Fantaisie in Eb major for organ and his wonderful Symphony No.3, "Organ". SICS*
- Saturday 14 December 2024, 2.30pm, Christmas Carol Concert with Black Dyke Band, presenter Seb Soanes, 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 by composer Stephen Johnston, and the Faure *Requiem* (self funded, part-sponsored).
- April / May – self funded concert of some kind, still to be sorted
- Sunday 8 June 2025 4pm, Haydn *Creation*, Matthew Hamilton and the Halle at City Hall SICS*

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

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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