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Next rehearsal is on Tuesday 26 November 2024 at Birkdale School

The next rehearsal is on Tuesday 26 November at Birkdale School Sheffield. It might be chilly so wrap up well! We will rehearse the music for the Christmas Carol Concert so please bring your 100 Carols for Choirs (white book) or the older green and orange books which contain everything we are singing. If you were absent please bring £3 to cover the music including the Barnsley Carol that was given out two weeks ago. Our Librarians will also have a few copies of 100 Carols for Choirs for hire at £2 plus just four new copies for purchase, price £15 – first come first served. Correct change appreciated please.

The running order for the concert is attached, corrected to show page numbers in the green or orange books for ALL the carols. It's also on the website, along with most of the concert arrangements, at [Members Area / Concert Arrangements](#). Recordings of some of the carols are available at [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the Music](#)

Please return your Boulanger scores if you haven't already! Please rub out marks - it takes our Librarians a week to rub out for those who don't, which is hardly fair for colleagues who are volunteers!

- For buses to Birkdale, 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 in the foyer.

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.

Link to recording of last week's rehearsal and message from Marianne

Last week's rehearsal went out via Zoom to enable members who couldn't make it to attend. Thanks to Marianne for setting this up. Marianne says: *"Thank you very much to Kath Eadon for editing this recording of our first Christmas rehearsal on 19th Nov. Everyone who attended the zoom rehearsal online has been recorded as present (though you may well need to go through some of it again once you've picked up your music scores.) For anyone who missed the rehearsal, if you let me know you have watched and sung with the whole rehearsal recording, I can record you as present. Again, it's worth waiting till you've got your scores to do this properly. This matters as there are only 4 rehearsals for the Christmas concert, and if you miss 2 you will not be eligible to sing in the concert. Also: if you know you can't sing in the concert, please could you send your apologies ASAP, so that our Singing List is accurate? Many thanks Marianne"*

Here's the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NfKAySVqoQU> Please note that there are time stamps (what time which carol starts) in the description, along with what Darius told us about the Christus Natus Est, and you will only be able to see these if you watch on a PC or laptop rather than a mobile or similar small device

Message from Helen Kirk

“From Tuesday 26th November I will be collecting donations for the sherry and mince pies which we have in the interval of the Christmas concert. I will also be selling raffle tickets at £2 each. The prize is a Christmas Hamper and the raffle will be drawn during the interval. Thank you Helen”

Please sign up for elective carol singing events (attachment)

Please add your name to the lists if you can sing at either of the two voluntary carol singing events we are doing this year. Conductor Georgina Hulse. Details are below and in the attachment, along with a list of carols. You will need 100 Carols for Choirs plus some sheets – collect on Tuesdays or from Georgina on the day. A short (30 minute) rehearsal from 9pm on Tue 03 Dec is being planned.

- Thursday 5 December at 13.30 for 14.00 at Bents Green School Ringinglow Road, S11 7TB. Jolly Christmas garb, NOT concert dress. Please arrive at 13.30 to sign in. Coats and bags in the music room. Nigel Gyte will probably be the pianist. Very little car parking so please carpool where possible or use public transport (88 bus every 15 mins from city centre). Thirty mins of singing, all from 100 Carols for Choirs (see attachment).
- Sunday 15 December at 1pm for 2pm: St Luke’s carol service, Sheffield cathedral. Rehearsal at 1pm in the cathedral. Full concert dress (men black shirts now remember, no scarves this time ladies). Programme in attachment

Water bottle went missing at rehearsal

A visitor to rehearsals recently lost a pink, metal, Stanley, well-loved and well-travelled water bottle while she put her chair away. Please can you let Sally Turnbull or Anne Adams know if you found it?

SPC / Black Dyke Band “John Rutter Brass at Christmas” CD

The CD we made with Black Dyke band has been released as “John Rutter Brass at Christmas”. The band have very generously offered to sell us some at a reduced price so we can sell them at the Christmas concert and keep the profit for our funds. Details have yet to be worked out, but there may be copies available for choir members as well.

However if you can’t wait until the concert, they are available via Presto Music for just over £10 at [Brass at Christmas CD Presto music](#) Our price is unlikely to be less than this – it’s £20 on Amazon.

Important note if you are late on Tuesdays (attachment)

SPC is now responsible for site security during our rehearsals, so doors will be locked at 19.10. For access after that, enter the car park from Endcliffe Crescent, go left up the ramp alongside the nearside of the Hall and through the fire door at the end on the right which will be opened as soon as the rehearsal permits. The map of the site is attached.

First Aid volunteers – and emergency contact numbers

Grateful thanks to our team of volunteer First Aiders, who will care for members in the event of an accident or emergency. They are soprano Imelda Murphy and altos Mary Mallia and Kate Reece. All have (or soon will have) the relevant qualifications. Please can those members who haven’t yet supplied Marianne with an emergency contact number, please do so in order to ensure that we can contact a relative or friend in the event of any emergency. Thank you.

Subscription payments

Thanks to all who have paid and completed both membership form and the diversity survey.

Please pay asap if you still haven’t - you don’t want to risk not being able to sing in the Christmas concert, which is on the cards without a firm arrangement with Jane. The online form, with full details of how to pay, is at <https://forms.office.com/e/shkpt7HiNV> **PLEASE use the reference Family name and Chorus number eg parkin403**

If you’re struggling to pay, please contact Jane on accounts@sheffieldphil.org.

At the end of the form, you are invited to complete a survey to show what our diversity profile looks like. Note that questions and responses are in a separate link and are anonymous, with ‘prefer not to say’ options. If you’ve paid but missed the survey and want to complete it, ask Marianne for the link.

Festive concerts in Sheffield (attachment)

Classical Sheffield has produced a list of all the concerts on offer over the festive season, attached. Do use it to plan your musical activities, and share with family and friends.

Rehearsal schedule

Details are in Diary dates (below) and on the Chorus website at Members Area / Diary dates. Darius will upload the rehearsal schedule for the coming season in due course, 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).

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

- *Thursday 5 December 2024, 13.45 to 14.30. Carols at Bents Green School (elective). Georgina Hulse to conduct, Nigel Gyte to accompany.*
- Saturday 14 December 2024, 2.30pm, Christmas Carol Concert with Black Dyke Band, presenter Zeb Soanes, at City Hall SICS*. On-the-day rehearsal to be confirmed but probably 12.00 to 13.30.
- *Sunday 15 Dec 2024 St Lukes Carol Service (elective). Georgina Hulse to conduct*
- Sunday 23 March 2025, 8pm, St Marie's cathedral, final concert of the Classical Sheffield Festival Weekend: Young Composer Competition winner(s), three new works by composer Stephen Johnston (listed on our website), the Faure *Requiem* and possibly one other piece. Self funded, part-sponsored by Stephen Johnston. Compulsory conductor rehearsal on Tue 18 March 19.00 to 21.00 at St Marie's. On-the-day rehearsal in the Holden Hall next door to St Marie's, time to be arranged.
- Saturday 24 May 2025 – self funded Come and Sing in the Upper Chapel, English Anthems *Toward the Unknown Region* VW, *I Was Glad* and *Blest Pair Sirens* Parry and *Faire is the Heaven* Harris. 10.30 to 19.00. Darius conducting, Rachel Fright piano and an organist. Refreshments and cake at break time (choir donations).
- Sunday 8 June 2025 4pm, Haydn *Creation*, Matthew Hamilton and the Halle at City Hall SICS*. Compulsory conductor and on-the-day rehearsals to be arranged.

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

Darius concerts

This summer Darius played in the world premiere of James Wood's new work "*Tempestas in Memoriam*" alongside three other organists on four different organs in cathedrals in four nations. See YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-Vryei3sPI> (scroll to 15.15)

- Monday 9 December, 1.15pm Leeds, St Anne's Cathedral

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

Reminder – Georgina's workshops

Georgina's pre-rehearsal workshops are in the Octagon Room 18.30 to 18.55. Contact her if interested, at georginahulse@sheffieldphil.org

- Autumn (six workshops) September 24th; October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29
- Spring (eight workshops) January 21 & 28; February 4, 11, 18 & 25; March 4 & 11
- Summer (four workshops) May 6, 13, 20 and 27

Reminder - Volunteer Musician Wanted to Support People Seeking Sanctuary (attachment)

Deadline for applications Monday 16th December. The support group is looking for an experienced group worker who plays an easily portable instrument and is able to improvise, has a good knowledge of classical music and can spare 2 ½ - 2 ¾ hours per fortnight. The project aims to facilitate access to classical music for refugees, asylum-seekers and other vulnerable migrants. For further details, please email creativeconnectionssheffield@gmail.com

Rehearsal tracks from Choraline

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.

Singing opportunities

- **Sat 23rd November 2024 'Come and Sing' Handel's *Messiah*** with The Singers' Collective. St Oswald's Church, Bannerdale Road, Sheffield S7 2DL. Conductor: Rachel Atkinson Organist: Cory Lovell. Rehearsal from 15:00, performance at 18:30. Singers £10 to cover refreshments and music hire. Audience - pay as you feel donations. For more information and to register for the event email: thesingerscollective@hotmail.com
- **Monday 16 December 2024 Come and Sing Messiah** Sheffield Bach Choir invites people to Come and Sing Messiah at St James' Church Norton. Tickets £15 including mulled wine and mince pies. [BUY TICKETS ONLINE](#)
- **Sat 25 to 26 Jan 2025 – Mozart Mass in C minor** NTU Clifton NG11 Concert 1 Feb Albert Hall Nottingham. Scores and rehearsal tracks available; optional sectional rehearsals. See <https://www.music-for-everyone.org/event/nfc-singing-course-concert> .

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). **Note Haydn's Creation with CBSO on Sunday 2 Feb 2025.**

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 & Classical Sheffield websites/passwords, WhatsApp

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.

The Chorus WhatsApp group is at **SPC Social**.

A reminder of the Classical Sheffield Member's Area: <https://classicalsheffield.org.uk/about> ; the password is *moremusic*.

Contact emails

These are all listed on the Chorus website at [Members Area / Chorus Contacts](#)

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