

PIPES AND VOICES – an organ and choral celebration

Saturday 1 November 2025 7:30pm

St. Marie's Cathedral, Norfolk Row, Sheffield

Tuesday 28 October 2025

7:00-9:00pm St. Andrew's Church, Psalter Lane Piano Rehearsal

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1:40pm St. Marie's Cathedral Furniture movers

2:00-2:30pm St. Marie's Cathedral Processing, standing and seating arranging

2:30-5:30pm St. Marie's Cathedral Tutti Rehearsal

7:30pm St. Marie's Cathedral CONCERT**Registration on Saturday 1 November 2025**

Please enter and register at the back of the cathedral by scanning in. It is your responsibility to ensure that your presence has been registered.

Dressing Rooms

We have access to two small(ish) rooms – the Parish Room (the larger of the two) and the Music Room. The Music Room is wheelchair accessible. Please note there are some steps down to the Parish Room. Both rooms are gender neutral so please come in concert dress if you can. **Toilets** (including an accessible toilet) are available near the dressing rooms. Please leave both rooms as we find them. Packed meals may be eaten in either room however please be tidy and remove any rubbish. No refreshments are provided for performers or audience.

Standing/Seating Plan

We will have a Standing Plan for all choir items which will be circulated after the last rehearsal, and available on the website. For solo organ items we will sit down. As this is something we have not done before in St. Marie's we will have a practice (or two) from 2-2:30pm on the day. Although the Standing Plan shows us in straight lines, Darius would like us to curve each line to form an arc as best we can as this will help with hearing one another. People at and near the end of rows please take the initiative for this.

Folders

Your music should be in your black SPC folder. Please carry these in your left hand, spine down and showing our logo. We will have a practice on the day! You may use a mini clip-on book light to improve visibility e.g. ReallyTinyBooklight and MiniFoldingBookLight or similar. NOT music stand lights!

On the Day

Please make sure that you are fully up to speed with concert arrangements **before** the day of the concert as committee members cannot guarantee to answer queries on the day.

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SUMMARY OF CONCERT & PLATFORM PROCEDURE**Concert Dress**

- Plain black shirt or blouse with full or $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeve (no lace, mesh, patterns or sequins)
- Smart black long tailored trousers (no jeans or leggings) or full length formal skirt for women
- Black or neutral socks or pop-socks or black tights
- Black shoes or ankle boots
- Small black bag (if necessary)
- Discreet jewellery
- No after shave or perfume
- **No sashes**
- **Black jackets for men**
- **PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR BLACK SPC FOLDER**

Programme Running Order

- Seek Him JD; For Music Like The Sea CW; Blue Bird CVS; organ solo CVS; The Lee Shore SCT; Summer is Gone SCT; Evening Hymn BG; Interval; Hymne au Soleil LB; 4 Motets MD; organ solo JL; Messe Solenelle JL

To and From the Platform

- All members must be ready to assemble no later than **15** minutes before the concert
- Members should be ready to access the platform **10** minutes before the concert
- The Chorus will access the platform row by row starting with the back row
- Please be ready to reassemble and process for the second half **10** minutes before it starts

Stage Etiquette

- Open folders when Darius enters
- Keep still once the final piece in each half finishes, scores open
- Close folders 'as one' as the applause starts, tucking them under your right arm showing our logo, left arm at your side

Interval

- 20 minutes. Please return to the dressing rooms/corridor during the interval and be lined up ready to process **10** minutes before the start of the second half

At the end of the concert

- Please help to clear away chairs and put the pews back if you are able. Many hands and all that...
- Please join members of the chorus for a well-earned post-concert drink in The Fargate pub at the top of Fargate

Evacuation Procedure & Health and Safety Information

- In the event of an emergency please follow the directions of marshals and leave in an orderly manner. Do not try to retrieve belongings
- Do not attend if you have symptoms of COVID, 'flu, a heavy cold or uncontrollable cough
- Please take your own drinks but don't take them on stage during a concert
- Don't use breakable vessels; store and carry hot drinks safely
- Keep belongings out of thoroughfares, especially in restricted areas
- Take care when using stairs and steps
- Please stick to the prescribed areas