

## **Next rehearsal is on Tuesday 27 September 2022**

Our next rehearsal is on Tuesday 27 September at 7pm, in the sports hall at King Edward VII Lower School, Darwin Lane, Sheffield, S10 5RG; there's a Google map [on the school's website](#).

Please walk round the building to the right of the entrance and turn left around the high brick wall into the back entrance, which takes you directly into the Sports Hall. The door to the hall needs a firm push. Please leave via the same route at the end.

The Lower School is well used for sports activities which unfortunately makes parking difficult; you may need to park some distance away, so do allow extra time. For those travelling by bus you could check the 51 (a 15 minute walk from the stop at Crosspool Post Office) or the 120 (a 13 minute uphill walk from the stop on Fulwood Road). For further information see the [Travel South Yorkshire website](#)

Links to rehearsal tracks and YouTube recordings of all the music we are singing are on the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the Music](#)

**Gentle reminder: Darius prefers all Chorus members to take part in all concerts wherever possible, and to attend all rehearsals in any case.** So please familiarise yourself with this season's rehearsal and concert dates, at <http://www.dariusbattiwalla.com/currentschedule.pdf> or via the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#) (user name *member* password *darius5*).

## **Stella Jockel Young Composer Competition**

You may remember that a portion of Stella's amazingly generous legacy will be used to fund a Young Composer's Competition, open to anyone between the ages of 18 and 35 who was born, lived or studied in Sheffield.

We are delighted to announce that poet and Chorus alto Kathy Towers, who was commissioned to write the text for the competition, has written a beautiful poem called 'Sheffield Nocturne', which competition entrants will be asked to set to music. Kathy's first book of poetry, published in 2010, won the prestigious Seamus Heaney Centre Prize, and was shortlisted for the Ted Hughes Award and the Jerwood Aldeburgh First Collection Prize. Read more about Kathy and her poetry on her website at <https://www.katharinetowers.uk>

We will be singing the winning entry at the Classical Sheffield Festival finale on Sunday 19 March 2023, in the first half of the Mahler concert which we are co-presenting with Hallam Choral Society, Sheffield Philharmonic Orchestra and Hallam Sinfonia in the City Hall. Knowing that the words were written by one of our members will make this an even more special experience. You can read Kathy's lovely poem on the Chorus website at [Members Area / Concert Arrangements](#). Please don't share it with anyone at this stage,

## **Darius organ recital**

On Saturday 1st October at 7.00pm Darius is giving a recital and silent film accompaniment on the delightful little organ in St. Mary's Church, Thixendale. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the nearby Village Hall. This is former member Janet Bower's new parish, and Janet says '*it would be wonderful if any of the Choir were able to come over to hear him. We're definitely out in the sticks, along single track roads with passing places but it's well worth the trek! The post code is YO17 9TG.*' Darius is giving recitals throughout October and November; see his website for details, at <http://www.dariusbattiwalla.com/concerts.html>

## **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](#) (password details provided at the end of this and every weekly update).

- Saturday 12 Nov 2022: concert in St Mark's Church Broomhill, 7pm. Self-funded.
- Tuesday 15 November 2022: AGM after rehearsal at 8.30pm; social at 9pm
- *Saturday 10 December 2022: carols for Roundabout charity, Meadowhall, 3.30pm*
- *Sunday 11 December 2022: St Luke's carol service, cathedral, 2pm*
- *Wednesday 14 December 2022: carol concert Millennium Galleries, 6pm*
- Saturday 17 Dec 2022: City Hall carol concert with Black Dyke Band, 2.30pm. SICS
- Saturday 4 Feb 2023: Caroline Shaw's *Music in Common Time* with Manchester Camerata, 7pm City Hall. SICS (15 minute choral piece)
- Sunday 19 Mar 2023 Mahler Symphony No. 2 City Hall with Hallam Choral Society, Hallam Sinfonia and Sheffield Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor George Morton, soprano Ella Taylor, mezzo Anna Harvey. Includes performance of the Young Composer Competition winning piece, and forms the finale of Classical Sheffield's 10th anniversary Festival Weekend. Self-funded
- Sunday 18 Jun 2023: Verdi *Requiem* at City Hall with the Halle and Leeds Festival Chorus, 7pm. SICS

### What's On

A reminder that St John's, Ranmoor is hosting a Come and Sing day on Saturday 8th October 2022 on Britten *St Nicholas* and Fauré *Requiem*. It's a day of workshops and rehearsals from 11am, with a full concert performance at 7.30pm, accompanied by Hallam Sinfonia and conducted by Philip Collin (St John's, Halifax Choral Society, often takes our rehearsals in lieu of Darius). There's a charge of £15 per singer. To sign up or find out more, email [music@stjohnsranmoor.org.uk](mailto:music@stjohnsranmoor.org.uk)

See Classical Sheffield's What's On page for concerts around Sheffield in the next two weeks: <https://classicalsheffield.org.uk/events>

For up-coming Come and Sing opportunities in our region, see [Members Area / For information / Singing Opportunities](#)

### 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](#). The user name is the word *member* and the password is *darius5*; 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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