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Come on , we can do it!!



Just one more rehearsal before our big sing. We have all worked hard on this concert and it is coming together.

The Charnwood Orchestra have been practising hard too and when we meet at the rehearsal in St, James I am sure the whole concert will come alive.

This is to remind you all. Concert dress code is; Ladies in full length black with the blue scarves. To give a good consistent appearance please wear the scarves on top of the blouse collars not under.

Gentlemen in the usual DJs but as we have not enough blue bow ties (wow our lower voices numbers have increased) please wear black bowties.

The Saturday rehearsal starts at 2.00 p.m. so please be there early, so that you are in your seats , ready to start by that time.

There are a few of us who stay in the church after rehearsal finishes until the concert, so if anyone feels that they would prefer not to rush home, bring a packed tea and join us.

Anita, Victor and Nick have offered to serve non-alcoholic refreshments at the interval, for which we thank them.



Ann and Peter Wilby have offered to be our stewards again. It would be nice if we had other volunteers to support them. If you know of anyone who can help please speak to Julie.

Don't forget we begin rehearsing our Christmas concert on October 30th. So keep singing..its good for you!!



CONCERTS FOR 2017—2018

Our next Concerts.

Our next Season certainly has some lovely music included so put the dates in your diaries –

Autumn Concert 28/10/2017

Brahms - German Requiem, Dvořák - Te Deum .

PPG - Committee

Workshop: 30/9/2017

Christmas Concert : 16/12/2017

Theme - A History of Christmas.

PPG - Jill Reville , Mike Playdon, Ian Pye, Angela Holland.

Workshop - 18/11/2017

Spring Concert: 12/05/2018

Rutter - Requiem, Poulenc - Gloria, Beethoven - Lamb of God.

PPG - David Toseland, Polly Henderson, Marilyn Pile, Mike Wilkinson.

Workshop - TBA

Autumn Concert 27/10/2018

A Celebration of Peace

Haydn - Mass in Time of War, Goodall - Eternal Light, Jenkins - Better is Peace

PPG - Committee.

Workshop -TBA

Concert Seating

When we rehearse at Christchurch, we are usually relaxed about where we sit, not worrying about length of rows etc.

However when we find a concert approaching, we have to adapt to the more confined area of a formal stage. At St. James the Greater, where we usually perform, we have 5 rows each of which has 12 seats (more than 12 makes it far less comfortable to sing). In order to create a good balanced sound and a professional appearance for the choir, seating arrangements have to be formalised so that voices sit together but also blend and balance the overall effect. Members are asked to sign the "Are you singing?" sheets so that numbers of singers can be arranged with this balance in mind. Once a seat has been allocated, each singer is asked to remain in that place for rehearsals and for the concert. This also makes it easier when each row of the choir files onto the stage at the beginning of each half of the concert, giving an overall smart and organised appearance.

Thank you to all those members who have been most helpful and co-operative in rearranging themselves to fit in with these arrangements.

Return of your music

It is essential your music is returned in your named yellow folder by the **Monday** after the concert.

Attending rehearsals and singing in the concert.

We expect Singers to attend each rehearsal to learn the music and the interpretation. It is important to attend rehearsals regularly. If you miss too many rehearsals, you may feel you should not sing in the concert. We encourage most strongly the commitment and expectation that all members sing in concerts, although we accept that problems arise.

Contacts. If you need to contact Julie Slawson, Secretary, please email her at secretary.cityofleicestersingers@virginmedia.com. If you wish to leave apologies for absence please email before 6 p.m. on Monday evening. Alternatively, e-mail Jane Gurman, Registrar, at registrar@cityofleicestersingers.co.uk .

Our website address is www.cityofleicestersingers.co.uk . Please visit as we put pre-concert information on the site and your visit will help keep us up in the ratings.

Forthcoming Concert dates

2017; 16/12/2017

2018; 12/05/2018, 27/10/2018, 22/12/2018