



STIRLING CITY CHOIR

Noteworthy

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Our BIG concert approaches – and BIG it will be! As well as St Modan's School Choir, we will now be joined by most of the Rosenethe Singers. This should give us around 180 voices in all – so a MIGHTY sound will be heard on 20th May at the Albert Halls.

On the day you will therefore be part of a very large group of performers, so please be patient at the rehearsal, as getting everyone into their places may take a bit more time than usual. Full details of all the arrangements will be on the Information Sheet which will be issued to you all.

On the subject of concert organisation, very special thanks are due to Mike Seal for standing in as Concert Secretary during Sarah's absence. Mike's energy and previous experience have been invaluable – we are in very capable hands!

At the final rehearsal and at the performance it will be extremely important to listen carefully and to watch Eric, as he will have to make contact with a very large number of performers around the hall. Please be alert – and make sure your score is clearly marked so that you can follow your part easily, especially in the Sanctus!

It has been good to hear you all singing well and obviously enjoying the rehearsals so much – thanks to Eric's enthusiasm. I know you will also agree that it has been a huge asset to have a pianist of Laura's ability as our accompanist. She manages to bring out all the important detail, and her comments are always tactful, informed, and helpful. Thank you, Laura!

The Verdi Requiem is a wonderful piece of music to sing – so a memorable evening is guaranteed! I wish us all good singing – and remember...KEEP WATCHING THE MAN WITH THE STICK!!

Ian Richardson



A LOOK BACK....

Our Charity Concert on Sunday 18th February was unquestionably a great success – both artistically and financially. It was a pleasure to sing the Jenkins Requiem again, and to present it for the first time to a Stirling audience – and it was once again a joy to hear our soloist, Marion Wyllie.

Thanks to all our efforts, the Charity Concert raised the sum of £1720, half of which was donated to St Columba's Charity Fund, the other half going as arranged to Marion, to assist her in her studies at the Guildhall in London.

A LOOK FORWARD....

At the last Committee Meeting, we made some provisional arrangements for **Session 2007-2008**. These included the following dates: AGM – Tuesday, 2nd October 2007; Christmas Concert – Sunday, 16th December 2007; Charity Concert – Sunday, 17th February 2008; Spring Concert – Sunday, 20th April 2008.

The programme proposed by Eric for the Spring Concert 2008 is **Rutter's *Magnificat*** and **Mozart's *Solemn Vespers*** – with an additional shorter piece still to be decided upon.

Via the usual "Summer Letter", you will be informed of the date in September when we will start back. The first meeting will once again be part social, part rehearsal.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

As various committee members will be standing down at the AGM next session, vacancies will arise for Section Reps for all voices. Please think very seriously about volunteering your services. As it's very much a team effort, committee work can be fun, and - with a full quota of committee members – need not be too arduous! Everyone contributes according to their own strengths – so you would definitely have something to offer....

Without question, Stirling City Choir has made considerable advances in recent years, with much of the inspiration for that development coming from Eric. Equally important, however, is the back-up of a strong and dedicated Committee, without which no further advances are possible. If you want the Choir to go on to even greater success, please do your bit, and join the Committee in October.

ERIC'S SIGHT-READING CLASS

Since mid-February, Eric has been running sight-reading classes before the Tuesday rehearsals. These have been well-attended and greatly appreciated – and without doubt they have boosted the confidence of those of us who have participated, and have made us more willing to "have a go." Our thanks are due to Eric for all the extra effort and preparation-time he has put into organising the classes.



SARAH'S NEW BABY!

Congratulations to Sarah Lamont (and Duncan, Beth, and Keir, of course!) on the birth of her daughter Katie on 23rd March. We even had the pleasure of meeting Katie at a recent rehearsal!

We remain very grateful to Sarah for carrying out all her Concert Secretary duties to ensure the smooth running of our Charity Concert on 18th February – and for still managing to attend our current Committee Meetings.

A NOTE ABOUT *Noteworthy*

Suggestions, comments, or articles are welcome, though contributions may have to be edited. Any items for the next edition should be submitted by 18th September to Anne Montgomerie. Secretary@Stirlingcitychoir.org.uk