



STIRLING CITY CHOIR

Noteworthy

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CHANGE OF DATE FOR SPRING CONCERT

Please note that our performance of the **Verdi *Requiem*** will now take place in the Albert Halls in Stirling on **SUNDAY 20th MAY, 2007**.

We apologise if this change of date causes inconvenience to any choir members. As you will all now know, St Modan's School Choir are joining us for the Verdi, and a date in April did not fit in with the pupils' other heavy commitments at school that month – hence the move to 20th May. More information about our links with St Modan's follows....

“AWARDS FOR ALL” – the details.

As mentioned in September's *Noteworthy*, we were delighted to hear just before the start of our new session that our application for £4500 to the Lottery/Scottish Arts Council consortium “*Awards for All*” had been successful. The application had been submitted some months previously with great assistance from Cath Doherty (director of music at St Mary's Church in Stirling). Cath obtained the support of Councillor John Paterson, and of Mr Daryl Fraser, Cultural Services Manager, Stirling Council. We are very grateful to them all.

To qualify for this award, we had to show within the application form that our “project” - i.e. our performance of the *Verdi Requiem* – would fulfil certain fairly stringent criteria: it had to be innovative; it had to be inclusive; it had to be of benefit to the community as a whole; and if it had an educational element involving young people, it would be all the more favourably looked upon. Out of this has come our liaison with St Modan's School Choir, who already have an excellent reputation in Stirling under their Head of Music, Graham Boyce.

Awards for All will monitor the project closely. Once the event has taken place, a very detailed financial account must to be given of how the funds were spent, along with an evaluation of the overall success of the venture. Broadly speaking, the funds have to be allocated as follows: professional fees (i.e. orchestra and soloists) £2500; publicity £1000; workshops (including transport) £1000. Obviously our own choir funds will also be needed to meet the overall costs, and fortunately – because of our careful approach to expenditure last year – we are beginning the 2006-2007 session in a fairly sound financial position. The *Verdi Requiem* is a big commitment – but hopefully it will be an outstanding success!



DIARY DATE - CHARITIES FAIR, 11th NOVEMBER

Stirling City Choir will have a promotional stall at the annual Charities Fair in the Albert Halls on Saturday, 11th November, from 10am – 4pm. If you can help on the day, please contact Sarah Lamont on 01786 447 595

STIRLING CITY CHOIR COMMITTEE - 2006-2007

At our AGM on 26th September, we were happy to welcome Graham Reed to the Committee as Treasurer. The full list of committee members is now as follows:

Chairman	Ian Richardson
Secretary	Anne Montgomerie
Treasurer	Graham Reed
Assistant Treasurer	Peter Stuart
Concert Secretary	Sarah Lamont
Librarian	Kathleen McPhail
Soprano Reps	Terry Gourlay
	Kathleen Morison
Alto Rep	Tricia Cooke
Bass and Tenor Rep	Maxwell Craig
Webmaster	Michelle Butcher

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Please remember that the Committee aims to serve and to represent **YOU** – so pass on any comments, complaints, ideas etc to your Section Rep, or any other appropriate committee member. We want you to enjoy your membership of the choir to the full – so please let us know your views.

CHANGE OF CONCERT DRESS TO “SMART BLACK”

At the AGM, one of the proposals ratified by the meeting was a change of dress-code for concerts to “**smart black**”. It was widely felt that this change would update the Choir’s image, by presenting a less formal/more relaxed look.

For the **men**, this means they will now abandon dinner jackets and bow ties for **smart black trousers and a black shirt**.

Ladies will now have the choice of wearing **smart black ankle-length trousers or an ankle-length black skirt, with a black long-sleeved blouse or top**. (A decision on how the ladies should wear the blue scarf will be made later!)

ARRANGEMENTS FOR JENKINS’ REQUIEM

Our rehearsals are well underway for the performance of Karl Jenkins’ *Requiem* in the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall at 7.30pm on Sunday 12th November, in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust.



We now have details of two joint rehearsals in Glasgow. The first rehearsal with all the other participating choirs will take place on **Sunday 5th November from 11am – 1pm, and 2pm – 4pm, in St Aloysius College, Hill Street, Glasgow.** The second rehearsal will be at **2pm on Sunday 12th November in the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall.**

We have arranged a bus to and from Glasgow on each of these Sundays for Stirling City Choir members, at a cost of **£6** per head for each day, leaving from the Albert Halls in Dumbarton Road. **On Sunday 5th November, the bus will leave at 10am prompt, and on Sunday 12th November it will leave at 1pm prompt.** If you would like a place on one or both buses, and have not yet booked, please contact Anne Montgomerie (see contact details below).



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 5th December to Anne Montgomerie, Secretary@Stirlingcitychoir.org.uk

