

North Yorkshire Chorus February News



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An Evening of Operatic Favourites. 19th May Hambleton Forum

Venue: the Forum will have some staging for the choir allowing easy access, and with all singers in front of the stage curtain line. No chairs, but the facility to sit on the staging itself when necessary. The solo arias and chorus items will be introduced to the audience, who will be seated at circular tables in the hall each table takes 12 people.

Tickets: for health and safety regulations, we can sell ONLY 180 tickets. Normally we sell a lot at the door on the night, but on this occasion, late-comers might find a “HOUSE FULL” sign. So Julia will issue each choir member a named **EMPTY** envelope. You then **ORDER** your tickets, with cash or cheque as soon as possible with details written on the envelope for Julia to allocate your table. Thus it is possible to ensure your ‘party’ are all seated at the same table when they arrive.

We are asking the Scouts to act as ushers on arrival and we have been assured they are well practised in this activity for the Male Voice Choir events.

Refreshments: No drink is included in the ticket price. The Forum will operate their own bar for the evening. We want to offer some various dishes of ‘nibbles’ on the tables and we are asking choir members to contribute a couple of packets each, to be collected on the rehearsal Friday 18th May. Later Section Reps will try to guide you on a varied selection – not all crisps.

Dress Code: Ladies - We are offering you the chance to dress for the occasion (within limits).

Options: a ‘cocktail dress’ or ‘posh frock’ – providing it has shoulders/sleeves, not strapless nor above the knee OR your normal long black skirt with a colourful top. If you have nothing suitable, it should be possible to borrow from a friend or find one in a charity shop. Also, you may wear some sparkly jewellery.

Gentlemen – DJ with white shirt with perhaps a different coloured bow tie and cummer-band or possibly a fancy waistcoat if you have one. If the weather is hot in May, we will consider ‘no jackets’.

Raffle: we feel it is appropriate to hold a raffle for which the Scouts are already well rehearsed. We will need at least 10 donated good prizes please. This money raised will not only fund our donation to the Scouts for all their hard work, but also a hired sound enhancement system to improve the acoustic of the Forum for both the choir and the audience.

Dream of Gerontius 17th November 2012 Ripon Cathedral with Wetherby Choral Society

John Dunford has negotiated a very tight budget for this event, and both choirs are now aware of the task ahead. In the past NYC has performed in Ripon Cathedral, and I can honestly say it is a wonderful experience to sing as part of a much larger choir, with full orchestra in such a grand venue; (the Gareth Malone experience) and one that we don’t often have the chance to do. Please don’t miss this opportunity, and support our venture.

The high calibre soloists already engaged are Margaret McDonald, Philip Sheffield & John Cunningham.

Rehearsals: the schedule allows each choir to hold the same number of ‘home’ rehearsals, and some joint ones towards the concert date, which will probably be at Ripon Grammar School. Perhaps we can arrange to share transport, and help those who might find this difficult.

26th May 2012 – Northallerton Methodist Church Hall. Greg has agreed that we meet as usual on this extra day. It will be a chance to review the Opera Evening; distribute the hire scores before the summer break and to do a first run through some of the music. Perhaps this will inspire you to get a rehearsal CD, buy a recording of the work, so that in September you are “in tune” with Elgar and raring to go.

24th November 2012 A suggestion that after the “Dream”, we hold one meeting (2 – 4 pm) to reflect, celebrate and sing a few of the more interesting carols together with family and friends in the Methodist Church – a “Come and Sing Carols with us” afternoon.

Your comments on any of these items can be offered to me, Hazel, Greg, or your Section Rep. AH