Isle of Man CHORAL SOCIETY

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Carmina Burana

25th September 2020

IoM Choral Society is delighted to announce that the performance of Beethoven's Choral Fantasia and Orff's Carmina Burana has been rescheduled to Friday 25th September at 7:30pm.

Inspired by conductor Julian Power, enchanted by the playing of Jennifer Bird and of Judith Christian who played the virtuoso opening of the Fantasia to the choir for the first time, and by Graham Crowe's masterful singing of all his challenging baritone solos in Carmina, the choir were on top form at their Sunday 15th March rehearsal. However, it was obvious almost immediately thereafter that the March performance could not be held.

IoM Symphony Orchestra, pianists Judith Christian and Jennifer Bird, soloists Helen Power and Graham Crowe, Mannin Youth Choir and Ellan Vannin Gymnasts, over 250 performers in all, are now looking forward with enthusiasm to presenting both the Choral Fantasia and Carmina Burana in their respective glories at the end of September, when it is hoped that the coronavirus pandemic will be behind us and we can all enjoy our usual freedoms and privileges once again.

The VillaGaiety have confirmed that existing tickets will be valid for the 25th September performance. Refunds are available from the VillaGaiety for those unable to attend the rescheduled performance.



GARETH MALONE'S GREAT BRITISH HOME CHORUS

join Gareth live daily @ 5.30pm, www.greatbritishhomechorus.com

Have you joined Gareth Malone's Great British Home Chorus online yet? Many of us have, to get our daily fix of choir singing at home. The music can be downloaded from the site. So far the choir has sung 'You Are My Sunshine' and Elton John's 'I'm Still Standing, this week is 'Ordinary World' and next will be Vera Lynn's 'We'll Meet Again'. More than 120,000 have joined!







A Note from our Chairman

It seemed so surreal to be typing this note on a perfect Manx spring morning at such an extraordinary time.

Thank you to everyone who has made this winter's session so memorable and enjoyable. I know that many of you have particularly enjoyed this year.

I am sure that much of this enjoyment has been due to the wonderful works we have studied and the privilege of being led by Julian and enchanted by the playing of Jennifer and Judith and by Graham's masterful singing. Thank you also to the other soloists and to Mandy and her Mannin Youth Choir.

A special thank you to Julian and Brian for navigating the choir through the choppy waters of the Villa administration. We have an outcome which is excellent and whilst we could not perform in March, we can look forward to September in anticipation.

The Choir is very special to every one of us. Singing is such a joy, and the fun and fellowship that arises at our rehearsals is so rewarding.

The Choir could not function without the hard work of your Committee. On behalf of all the membership, I applaud all that the Committee has done over the past months. To Julian and Brian particularly, a thank you for the time and complete dedication that you have given to making this all happen for us.

We shall keep in touch over the coming months, but in the meantime, keep smiling, keep singing and take care of yourselves and your families and friends in these unchartered days ahead. I deem it an absolute privilege and pleasure to Chair this very special Society.

Charlie Farghar

DIARY DATES

Rehearsals 2020

Thursday 3rd Sept
St Andrew's Church @ 7.30pm

Sunday 6th Sept (+IOMSO)
St Andrew's Church @ 2.30pm

Thursday 10th Sept
St Ninian's School @ 7.30pm

Sunday 13th Sept (+IOMSO)
St Andrew's Church @ 2.30pm

Sunday 20th Sept (+IOMSO)
St Andrew's Church @ 2.30pm

Thursday 24th Sept (+IOMSO)
Villa Marina, Douglas @ 6.30pm

CONCERT
Friday 25th Sept 2020
Villa Marina, Douglas @ 7.30pm





Easter Wishes to All ! Please stay Safe at Home



THE MOZART REQUIEM



After its May postponement, The Really Big Chorus's performance of the Mozart Requiem will now take place on **Saturday 31 October** and will now be held at the prestigious **Central Hall Westminster**, a superb historic venue in the very heart of London, right next to Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament. As many of our choir members were planning to attend in May, it is hoped that everyone will still be able to attend at this later date. Something else for us to look forward to.



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Links . . .

There are some events broadcast by the Royal Opera House :

https://www.roh.org.uk/news/the-royal-opera-house-launches-a-programme-of-free-online-content-for-the-culturally-curious-at-home

There are also some by the National Theatre and by the Moscow ballet:
https://www.youtube.com/user/moscowballet

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(by 31st July 2020)

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Where's Wally 2020

