Isle of Man CHORAL SOCIETY

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Reflections

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(Director of Music)


Julian Power

On our 7 April 2019 concert : Gounod's St Cecilia Mass, and Sir Karl Jenkins Lamentation and Sing! The Music was Given: I think our 2019 concert will be long remembered for :

★ Its variety and the power and warmth of our large chorus – from the beauty of the St Cecilia Mass to the drama of the contrast in "Sing"

★ The delightful singing by the fresh voices of the Mannin Youth Choir ("Sing" from memory!)

★ Amineh's visit (an inspired decision by our Committee – brought to fruition by Brian): her demeanour and her reading of her poem

★ The glorious playing of IOMSO

★ Sam Field's wonderful cello solo – that so filled the Royal Hall and set the mood for "Lamentation"

★ Mandy's bringing to life Amineh's touching words of "Lamentation" and the poignant movements of "Sing"

★ Mandy's spectacular costume change that so "set the tone" and change of mood for "Sing"

★ Tom Field's extraordinarily demanding violin solos in "Sing", delivered with real panache

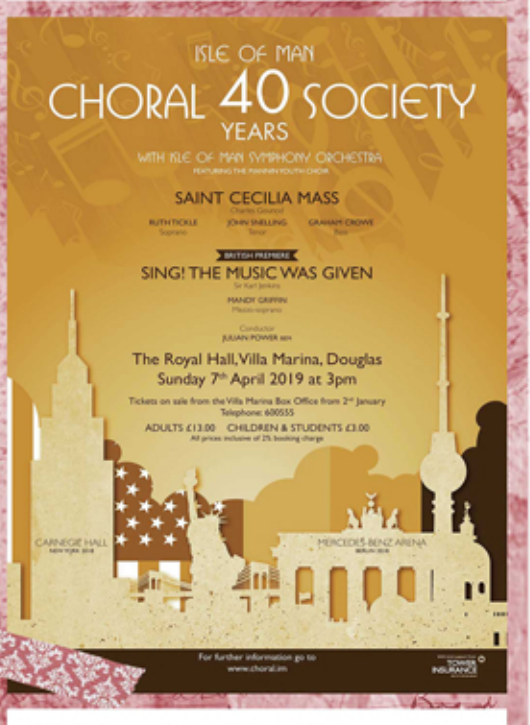
★ The interplay between the choir and the 3 lovely Gounod soloists who blended so well in this tuneful work which we presented so sensitively and movingly together

★ Ruth's vibrant clear voice, Graham's solid, reliable foundation and John's cleverly crafted tenor solos " No doubt each of you have you own special memories of a concert that some have described as "a triumph"!

Many thanks to those who have written to me so warmly about our concert . With thanks to my wife Hilary, Chairman : Charles Fargher, Secretary : Brian Holt, and every member of our Committee on whom I rely – much more than I suspect they realise!

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We are so fortunate to have the opportunity to prepare and present major works like these in such a lovely concert hall. Tower Insurance have generously supported us for a number of years to facilitate our paying for our rehearsals,the hiring of the orchestral music, the hire of the Villa Marina and for attracting wonderful soloists and musicians.



I look forward to seeing you all at our party on 5th September .....

Julian Power

BERLIN



On 2 Nov 2018, a group of 47 IOMCS members joined together with choirs from all over the world to perform in a Concert for Peace and sing The Armed Man conducted by Sir Karl Jenkins in the Mercedes Benz Arena in Berlin.

This concert, which included a new work, Lamentation, based on a poem by Amineh Abou Kerech and set to music by Sir Karl Jenkins, was to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.







Committee Member Carole Sutherland was interviewed, part of which was broadcast during the S4C programme shown on Sunday 11 November. She talked about how personal the concert was to her as not only had her grandfather died 100 years ago in France, but it was also her father's birthday on the day of the concert.



BERLIN REUNITED

It was decided that a Reunion Meal was called for and thanks to the Central Pub in Peel and Sara Collins for helping to organise it. (and cleverly redesigning the Pub Interior)

A fabulous night was had by all !

The GUILD



Congratulations to all of our members who participated in various classes in The Manx Music Festival in April/May. It was lovely to see many other members of IOMCS in the audience and their support & enthusiasm was warmly appreciated.

It is heartening to know that the Guild continues to flourish due to the amount of talent on the Island. Unfortunately many other festivals elsewhere have been dramatically cut or no longer take place.

Looking forward to next year.... who knows, we may have someone from the Choir participating in the Stand Up Comedy class....we seem to have some good comedians in the back row of the Basses !!

Newsletter

IOMCS decided that a newsletter was needed to help provide information to IOM Choral Society regarding the Choir's activities & events in which members may be interested.

The newsletter will run in conjunction with the new IOMCS Events Facebook page and be published both electronically and as a paper copy for those who wish it.

REMEMBER !

Complete & return your Membership form to : **Alison Lynch, Membership Secretary** *(by 31st July 2019)*


Carnegie Hall, New York

Pencils

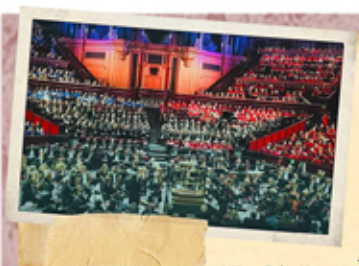


We felt that it was useful for the IOMCS to have a practical promotional gift for general use by its members.

From September each member will be provided with an IOMCS pencil which should prove to be very handy, especially during our rehearsals!



Verdi Requiem



On 12 May 2019, a small group of IOMCS members, along with members from other choirs and those who just love to sing, performed Verdi's Requiem in the Royal Albert Hall accompanied by the English Festival Orchestra under the baton of Bob Chilcott.

This universal choir, who shook the foundations of the famous venue, helped to raise £5010 for the Barry Reid Cancer Research trust. This was, for some, the first opportunity to enjoy an event organised by 'The Really Big Chorus', but if the positive comments are anything to go by, it definitely won't be the last!



Meet our new Events Committee : Bill, Carole, Rosie and Gloria, who are there to help create exciting new events for the IOM Choral Society.

A new Facebook Group has been set up called IOMCS Events. Membership of the Group will be limited to choir members and will provide information about events other than the annual concert. This will include choir organised events similar to the New York and Berlin trips last year, plus independent events such as the recent Verdi Requiem concert in London.

It will allow choir members to see who else is going to events and will make life easier for the choir to coordinate an event where needed. People who attend the events will be encouraged to add photographs and commentary as a record of the occasion. Everyone from the choir is invited to join.

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40th Anniversary Celebrations

Isle of Man Choral Society will be celebrating its **Ruby Anniversary** at Woodbourne House on **Thurs 5th September 2019**. The event will start at 7pm where a finger buffet will be provided.

Tickets are on sale for £25 per person as indicated on your Choir Membership form or from Brian Holt, until the 31 July Deadline.

40th Anniversary



DIARY DATES

Sept 5th : 40th Anniversary
Woodbourne House @ 7pm

Sept 12th [+AGM], 26th
October 10th, 24th, 31st
November 14th, 28th

December 12th (Party)

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January 9th, 23rd, 30th
February 13th and 27th
March 12th and 26th
Wed 25th March @ 7:30pm

Sundays 15th, 22nd March
St Andrew's Church @ 2:30 pm

Saturday 28th March
Villa Marina, Douglas @ 2.00pm

Concert
Sunday 29th March 2020
The Royal Hall, Villa Marina @ 2.30pm