

Watford Philharmonic Society – Notices 22nd November 2021

*****WPS COVID DASHBOARD*****

DID YOU KNOW that adequate ventilation is one of the most effective ways of reducing the risk of Covid infection in enclosed spaces? It significantly reduces the concentration of viral aerosols. Hence the wide-open windows and doors at rehearsal as we enjoy the Covid-risky pastime of singing. So PLEASE KEEP THEM OPEN – and wrap up warmly instead. Covid levels are still high so we need to heed our Committee's Guidelines at the bottom of this page.

A MESSAGES FROM OUR MUSIC LIBRARIANS – CONCERT FOLDERS

If any new member needs a music folder for the concert please see Sheila and John Malin.

IT'S CHRISTMAS! RUNNING ORDER

The running order for the Christmas concert has now been uploaded onto the website. Please print out your own copy and mark your 100CfC books. Please note there is NO interval and NO vocal audience participation. However, the audience WILL be asked to participate with actions!

PRE-CHRISTMAS CONCERT WORKSHOP – BOOKING NOW OPEN

It's less than a week to go until the pre-concert Christmas workshop. Last chance to sign up at Heather's table at tonight's rehearsal. £10 per singer. Cash or card payments accepted. Everyone welcome, even if you are not able to sing in the concert. **Saturday, 27 November, 1-4 pm. Registration and doors open from 12.30.** Venue - **St Luke's Church, Langley Way, Watford, WD17 3EG.**

BOOK NOW! CHRISTMAS CONCERT, 11th DECEMBER 2021

Use our online booking system to have tickets posted direct to your email address. Click on www.trybooking.co.uk/BHUT or go via our website www.watfordphilharmonic.co.uk. It couldn't be easier! If you haven't got online access, call our **telephone Box Office on 07843 192016** and **Judith Leary-Joyce** will arrange your booking for you. Please forward the e-copies of the flyer to friends and family to encourage them to come along.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Do you live in WD23? We need your help to publicise the Christmas concert!

Our new venue at The Bushey Arena gives us an opportunity to reach out to a new audience. We'd particularly like you to **help to promote our next concert by delivering cards or flyers in roads close to the Arena, to the north and east of Bushey High Street** but residential areas convenient to where YOU live would be fine too. We also need to get our flyers into local shops, community centres, churches - wherever people congregate.

Please take a bundle of our jolly Christmas Pudding cards or flyers from Malcolm's table before you go this evening.

UPDATE ON THE COLOSSEUM

Several of you have noticed that the Colosseum appears to be hosting public events again as well as continuing to accommodate the BBC for recordings and rehearsals. Since we had been told that it would not be available to us until the autumn of 2023, we raised a question with Watford Borough Council. They confirmed that the venue is indeed closed to live ticketed events but they are using it occasionally to facilitate Covid 19 social distancing as an alternative to the Town Hall. The council has been awarded a Government grant to help reduce the carbon footprint of both buildings. This work is due to commence shortly and will feed into the wider refurbishment project for the building. The venue is due to close after the elections in May 2022 with a planned re-opening some time the following year.

Zoom link rehearsal

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85335533184?pwd=THdZL3lQOWtIWjU2NUU5S5i9JNlWwYQT09>

Meeting ID: 853 3553 3184

Passcode: 308612

Concert attendance: Thanks to those who have done this already. If you haven't, you know who you are, so please notify your rep. on Monday evening.

Tickets for concert. The link (www.trybooking.co.uk/BHUT) on the flier isn't working for some mysterious reason. It should work if you type it into a google search, etc.

***** COVID-19 AND SAFE SINGING – WPS GUIDELINES *****

Please comply with our **socially distanced seating plan** for safe rehearsals and workshops. Bottles of **hand sanitizer** are located at strategic points around the room for your use. Windows, hall doors and the Fire Exit door will be left open to ensure adequate **ventilation**.

We strongly recommend **wearing of face masks when not singing** and taking a **rapid COVID Test** before rehearsals and workshops to make sure you are Covid-negative and hence not a risk to your singing neighbours.

Free rapid Covid test kits can be obtained from <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Please let us know should you test **positive** in the next 14 days – members@watfordphilharmonic.co.uk