Watford Philharmonic Society - Notices 16th September 2019

WELCOME TO OUR 0PEN REHEARSAL

We warmly welcome our visitors who have come to "try us out"! We hope you enjoy yourselves – and perhaps come back for more, and even join us for our first concert on 3rd November (see below)!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR VICE-CHAIRMAN JUDY – MEMBERS' SURVEY 2019

Huge thanks to everyone who completed the 2019 questionnaire. We have received **108 returns** – showing a great sense of members' commitment to the Society – and the responses will be used later this month when the committee is holding an away-day to consider plans for future development.

We will also feed back some of the findings from the survey over the coming weeks via this Newsletter. Here's one that is immediately relevant:

Asked how much you value our occasional Workshops, 80% of you said they are 'very valuable'; 16% said 'quite valuable' whilst 4% said 'no opinion' which may well mean that they had not yet had the chance to experience one! Well, now's your opportunity – our next one will be held on **26th October.** See elsewhere in the Newsletter for details.

DATES TO WATCH OUT FOR

Monday October 7th: Our AGM will take place at 7.30pm. Rehearsal will start immediately afterwards and will be extended to 10pm.

Saturday October 26th: Our pre-concert workshop. It will be held in the Great Hall, Bushey Arena. ***PLEASE NOTE: Bookings @ £10 per person will start next week, 23rd September. Please remember to bring your money with you or we will not accept your booking!***

Sunday November 3rd: 1st concert of our 85th season – Fauré's Cantique, Puccini's Missa de Gloria, Mendlessohn's Violin Concerto and Overture "Ruy Blas".

Sunday October 20th: Our orchestra's workshop on Schubert's 6th symphony at Nascot Wood Recital Hall from 2pm to 5 pm.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE FOR CONCERT

16th Sept Sanctus / Cum Sancto spiritu to the end **23rd Sept** Benedictus / credo to et incarnatus est
30th Sept Agnus / et incarnatus est to et vitam **7th Oct** AGM / Et vitam to end / run Gloria
14th Oct complete run **21st Oct** as needed **28th Oct** Sitzprobe

REHEARSAL RESOURCES FOR PUCCINI AND FAURÉ WORKS

Choraline 01285 644845, https://www.choraline.com/ - rehearsal CDs or online rehearsal tracks via their Easy Play service, on your desktop and laptop and via their app **https://www.choralineapp.com/** on your tablet and iphone – both works

Cyberbass http://www.cyberbass.com/ - Puccini's *Messa di Gloria* only

John's Midi File Choral Music site www.learnchoralmusic.co.uk - both works

Choralia www.choralia.net/ - both works

ChordPerfect https://www.chordperfect.com/ gives **SUNG** rehearsal tracks for each of the 4 voice parts, with your voice part accentuated - Fauré's *Cantique* only

USEFUL HANDOUTS (also available on our website http://watfordphilharmonic.co.uk/)

A small number of spare copies of the "How to sing in French", 2019/20 Rehearsal Schedule, Rehearsal Resources and Ticket Incentive Scheme are on Margaret's desk at the back of the hall.