

Watford Philharmonic Society - Notices 30th September 2019

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN DAVID – WPS AGM 2019

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT OUR AGM WILL BE HELD NEXT MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER at 7.30pm SHARP!

It will be followed by rehearsal until 10pm.

A number of committee positions are up for election, namely: ***Vice Chair; Concert Programme Planning Co-ordinator; Marketing and Publicity Co-ordinator; Membership Secretary; ICT Projects Co-ordinator*** and ***Concert Manager***. The position of ***Social Activities Co-ordinator*** is still vacant, should anyone wish to put their name forward for it.

Various developments have taken place since the last issue of our Constitution (2015) which we now wish to recognise with the creation of two new committee posts. The first is that of ***ICT Projects Co-ordinator***, to which Tim Pettigrew was elected last year. The second follows a decision to add the post of ***Rehearsals Manager***, currently held by Margaret Burke as a co-opted member. Effectively a new committee post, it is open to anyone to seek nomination in the usual manner – though Margaret herself has expressed a willingness to stay in the post for a two-year term.

We hope that several members will want to put themselves forward for election to the committee but if you don't feel ready to stand yourself, please consider others who you would like to nominate and with their permission, enter their name on a nomination form which you can find on the table at the back of the hall.

AGM documents, including a report from our treasurer and secretary, and the updated version to our 2015 Constitution, will be posted to our website www.watfordphilhamonic.co.uk by 30th September. There will be a limited number of hard copies available on the 7th October but you are encouraged to save the planet and refer to the electronic copies. As in the past, a password will be provided should you wish to access our website on your electronic devices during the AGM.

PRE-CONCERT WORKSHOP SIGN-UP CONTINUES TONIGHT!

Tonight Sheila Wheeler and Margaret Burke will be taking names (and money) at the back of the hall for our pre-concert workshop. Please note that this will be held in the *Grand Hall, Bushey Arena, WD23 3AA* from 10am to approx. 4.30pm. The cost is £10 per person, payable at sign-up. **Please remember to bring your money with you or we will not accept your booking!**

The Grand Hall is a fully self-contained venue, accessed via its own entrance on the opposite side of the Arena to the main car park. There is also a small car park beside the Grand Hall, available only for those with limited mobility. Please let us know at sign up if you need to access this facility. Directions to the venue will be available nearer the day.

We also need **VOLUNTEERS** to help the workshop day run smoothly. Sheila will be collecting names and contact details at the back of the hall and will coordinate all arrangements for **Hospitality**. A couple of volunteers to **check in** members and to **welcome and orientate** people would also help as this is our first (but hopefully not the last) time using this venue for our workshops.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE FOR CONCERT

Warm-up: Fauré's *Cantique*. A sheet with information on French pronunciation is on the table at the back of the hall. Can you sing it off by heart yet?? (PS I can't – but I'm trying! Margaret)

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 for your desktop and laptop; via their app <https://www.choralineapp.com/> for your tablet and iphone

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

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

Choralia www.choralia.net/

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

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PUBLICITY COORDINATOR PAM – PLEASE HELP!

Your Society Needs You! The Programme for *A Box of Delights* is now in production and we need to bolster the Society's funds by obtaining as many advertisements as we can. Last Season we earned nearly £2,000, but so far I am already £500 down as we have lost a few ads. **Everyone** uses potential advertisers in their daily life, so please approach your local coffee shop, hairdresser/ barber, dentist, deli, bakers, pub, restaurant, gardener, nail bar – the list is endless and you lose nothing by trying! **Rates:** Business card multi-ad page: £25 per programme, £80 per season (x4 concerts); $\frac{1}{2}$ page: £60 per programme, £200 per season (x4 concerts); **full page:** £120 per programme, £400 per season (x4 concerts). Please get me the introduction and I will do the rest. My contact details are 01923 286930, pam@warrenhouse.me.uk

ORCHESTRAL WORKSHOP Sunday October 20th: Our orchestra's workshop on Schubert's 6th symphony at Nascot Wood Recital Hall, Watford WD17 4YS from 2pm to 5 pm. Everyone welcome – and do bring some refreshments: needed to fuel an exhilarating afternoon's play!

Concert dates & programmes 2019/20 and 2020/21 Here are our next 6 concert and proposed programmes which you might like to add to your diaries. As always, we reserve the right to make changes to the proposed programmes. Planned Saturday Choral Workshop dates are included.

Date	Programme
Saturday 26th October 2019 10.00 am to 4.30 pm	Autumn Concert Choral Workshop Grand Hall, Bushey Academy WD23 3AA
Sunday 3rd November 2019 7.00 pm, Colosseum	A Box of Delights Puccini, <i>Messa di Gloria</i> ; Fauré, <i>Cantique de Jean Racine</i> ; Mendelssohn, <i>Violin Concerto in E minor</i> (soloist, Leo Appel)
Tuesday 10th December 2019 7.00 pm, Colosseum	A Christmas Feast Our traditional family-friendly concert of popular carols and other items, including Morten Lauridsen <i>O Magnum Mysterium</i>
Saturday 25th April 2020 7.30 pm, Colosseum	Messiah <i>G F Handel</i>
Saturday 27th June 2020 7.30 pm, Colosseum	A Night at the Opera A selection of well-known choruses & solo pieces from the worlds of both grand and light opera
Wednesday 28th October 2020 7.30 pm, Colosseum	Programme to be confirmed
Wednesday 16th December 2020 7.00 pm, Colosseum	Our popular family Christmas Concert Programme to be confirmed