

Watford Philharmonic Society - Notices 18th November 2019

WELCOME TO GERRY O'BEIRNE, OUR VOICE COACH

We have great pleasure in welcoming our newly appointed Voice Coach, **Gerry O'Beirne** to this evening's rehearsal. He will take the first half of the rehearsal to hear us all "in action". Starting after Christmas, he will take small groups during weekly rehearsals and work intensively on specific passages/techniques as agreed with Michael.

Gerry has a wealth of experience as both performer and teacher, encompassing a broad repertoire of musical genres. He has sung with many professional ensembles including the BBC Singers, the Gabrieli Consort and Terry's London Voices.

HALF-DAY PRE-CONCERT WORKSHOP, SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

Our half-day pre-concert workshop takes place this Saturday 23rd November from 1.30pm to 4.30pm (doors open at 1pm) at **North Hall, Queens' School, Aldenham Road, Bushey WD23 2TY**. A small number of printed maps are available at the back of the hall for those without email access. The cost is £5 per person. So far 52 of you have signed up, which is great for such short notice. We will also accept sign-up with payment on the day. Please bring your own interval drinks with you. Our workshop overlaps with two other events at the school so parking will be at a premium. Car-sharing is recommended.

MESSAGE FROM LIBRARIANS JOHN AND SHEILA MALIN Several people have asked us about purchasing copies of the New Novello edition of Handel's *The Messiah*. If anyone else is interested, please sign the list at the music table. **DEADLINE IS TONIGHT!**

REHEARSAL RESOURCES Thanks to Steve Crocker rehearsal tracks to most of our Christmas music have now been uploaded to our website <https://watfordphilharmonic.co.uk/> Go to the **Information** section on the right side of the **Home** page and click on "**Christmas Concert 2019 resources**". They are a mixture of rehearsal tracks, downloadable as midi files, and, where rehearsal tracks are not available, You Tube clips which are easy to sing to.

REVISED REHEARSAL SCHEDULE A copy of the revised Choir Rehearsal Schedule has been uploaded onto our website to include the dates for note-bashing this term as well as our forthcoming workshop. Further revisions will be uploaded as more information on future dates becomes available next term.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PUBLICITY COORDINATOR PAM – PLEASE HELP!

Your Society Needs You!

The Programme for *A Christmas Feast* 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 one of them and ask them to support us and benefit their business.

Rates: Business card multi-ad page: £25 per programme, £80 per season (x4 concerts); ½ page: £60 per programme, £200 per season (x4 concerts); full page: £120 per programme, £400 per season (x4 concerts). My contact details are 01923 286930, pam@warrenhouse.me.uk