

Watford Philharmonic Society - Notices 25th November 2019

Tonight is the last of our 7pm pre-rehearsal note-bashing sessions. Further dates for next term will follow in due course. Our thanks to Michael for the extra work to get us note-perfect!

PRE-CONCERT WORKSHOP, SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

Despite the short notice 64 of you turned up to Queen's School last Saturday for our successful half-day workshop for our Christmas concert. Thank you all so much. I think you will agree that it was much needed for some of our carols and thus was greatly appreciated by all. Our thanks to Michael and Rosemary for all their hard work.

TWO MESSAGES FROM LIBRARIANS JOHN AND SHEILA MALIN

(1) Thanks to David Santamaria we now have pristine new legible copies of Charles Ives' *Little Star of Bethlehem*. PLEASE DESTROY THE OLD COPIES! (2) For those who have ordered new copies of "Messiah" they are now available for collection at a cost of £8 per copy.

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. **Please note: the correct version of the rehearsal tracks for *Ding dong! merrily on high* (18B, p. 82) have now been uploaded onto our website as has the amended Christmas schedule.**

A MESSAGE FROM VICE-CHAIRMAN JUDY – PHOTOGRAPHS

If you haven't already seen them, do have a look at the collection of photographs taken at our Saturday Workshop in October and subsequent November 2019 concert. They're on display on the notice board at the back of the hall this week and next. Thank you to everyone featured in the collection – some of which have already been added to our website.

We are hoping to build up a bank of interesting photographs to include in our publicity material and are very grateful to photographer **Rachel Piper**, who has agreed to work with us on occasions. Rachel has just reached the final of this year's prestigious Nature Photographer of the Year competition and was selected for final judging as 2019 Wildlife Photographer of the Year. Do have a look at her website – there's some really super stuff up there! rachelpiper.me.uk

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PUBLICITY COORDINATOR PAM – PLEASE HELP!

Your Society Needs You! We hope the programme for *A Christmas Feast* will be on sale this evening. But for the remaining concerts this season 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