



The community choir for Rotherhithe & Bermondsey, where local people come together to sing

Welcome to our choir. We hope you enjoy singing with us. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 10 January 2017 for our concert on Saturday 1 April 2017. Rehearsals are led by Sue Heath Downey, our Musical Director.

Date	Time	Place	Activity	Music to be rehearsed
10 Jan	8-9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	Fauré VI, Goodall 7
17 Jan	8-9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	Fauré I, Goodall 8
24 Jan	8-9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	Fauré II, Goodall 1
31 Jan	8-9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	Fauré III, Goodall 3
7 Feb	8-9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	Fauré V, Goodall 4
14 Feb	8-9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal & AGM	Fauré VII, Goodall 2
21 Feb	8-9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	<i>Fauré VI</i> , Goodall 5
28 Feb	8-9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	<i>Fauré I</i> , Goodall 6
7 Mar	8-9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	<i>Fauré II</i> , Goodall 9
14 Mar	8-9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	<i>Fauré III</i> , Goodall 10
21 Mar	8-9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	<i>Fauré V</i>
23 Mar	8-9.45pm	tbc	rehearsal	tbc
28 Mar	8-9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	<i>Fauré VII</i>
30 Mar	8-9.45pm	tbc	rehearsal	tbc
1 Apr	c4-9.45pm	St James Church Bermondsey tbc	rehearsal & concert	

Italics = second time round

We will be singing two Requiems, composed as 'requiems for the living' and in very contrasting styles by Fauré and Howard Goodall. The Fauré Requiem was completed in 1900 for choir, orchestra, organ and soprano and baritone soloists and focuses on eternal rest. It lasts about 35 minutes. The Goodall likewise aims to provide consolation to those who mourn. It sets phrases of the Latin Requiem text alongside words from English poems. It lasts about 40 minutes and involves choir, orchestra and soprano, tenor and baritone soloists.

The cost for the term is £45 (concession £20) plus £5 for score hire, total £50 (concession £25). If you can pay electronically directly into the choir's bank account using your name as reference, that's great. The account is HSBC 40-06-21 62185237 Rotherhithe & Bermondsey Choral Society. Otherwise, please pay our Treasurer in cash or by cheque. If you are a UK taxpayer we can claim Gift Aid on your subscriptions and any donations you may make to the choir. Please ask the Treasurer for a Gift Aid declaration.

Useful information will be posted on the choir's website www.rbc-choir.org.uk. Keep in touch through www.facebook.com/rbcchoir and twitter @rbcchoir. To contact RBCS, email rbc.choir@gmail.com or call/email Sue on 07961 148806, sueheathdowney@hotmail.com.

Important Between rehearsals, to get a sense of the music with soloists and instruments, go to YouTube and listen to the Paavo Järvi/Orchestre et Choeur de Paris performance of the Fauré and the Perrin/Vocalys performance of the Goodall. Please also practise your part on your own or perhaps team up with another choir member. The more you can do between rehearsals, the more enjoyable and productive our full choir rehearsals will be.

Committee: Clare Birks (Chair), Steve Hodges (Secretary), John Hawthorne (Treasurer), Penny Barrett (website), Emily Clemo (Social Media), Lynette Thornton and John Haydn-Jones. The AGM will be on 14 February. We hope some of you will take the opportunity to join the committee and play a bigger role in running the choir. It is rewarding and looks good on the CV.

Section reps can help if you have concerns: Ana Soares (S), Sarah Mason (A), John Hawthorne (T) & David Gilbert (B).

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