



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 15 January 2019 for our concert on Saturday 13 April 2019. The choir is led by Musical Director Sue Heath-Downey.

Date	Time	Place	Activity	Rehearsal Plan
15 Jan	8-9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	Movement 1 (section 1), 2(1), 4(1)
22 Jan	8-9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	1(2), 2(2), 4(2)
29 Jan	8-9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	7(1), 3(1), 2(3)
5 Feb	8-9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	4(1,2), 3(2), 7(2)
12 Feb	8-9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal & AGM	2(1,2,3), 7(3)
19 Feb	8-9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	4(1,2), 3(3), 6(1)
26 Feb	8-9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	7(1,2,3), 6(2), 5(1)
5 Mar	8-9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	3(1,2,3), 5(2), 6(3)
12 Mar	8-9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	1(1,2), 6(4), 4(1,2)
19 Mar	8-9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	6(1,2,3,4), 5(1,2), 2(1,2,3), 3(1,2,3)
26 Mar	8-9.5pm	T&T	rehearsal	5(1,2), 6(1,2,3,4), 7(1,2,3)
2 Apr	8-9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	
4 Apr	8-9.45pm	Tunnel Wharf	extra rehearsal	
9 Apr	8-9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	
11 Apr	8-9.45pm	Tunnel Wharf	extra rehearsal	
13 Apr	4(tbc) – 9pm	St James church, Thurland Rd SE16 4AA	rehearsal & performance	
tbc Apr			Party tbc	

This term we'll be singing the beautiful and powerful Brahms German Requiem, which will be new for many of us. Brahms selected texts from the Luther bible (in German), focusing on helping the bereaved move from anxiety to comfort. Although the idea of God is the source of the comfort, Brahms' sympathetic humanism pervades the music. The first movement is quite slow and the drama really begins in the second movement. The solo parts are woven into the movements, no separate arias. We will perform it in April with professional soloists and musicians.

The cost for the term is £45 (concession £20) plus £5 for score hire, total £50 (concession £25). If you can pay electronically 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. If you are a UK taxpayer we can claim Gift Aid on your subscriptions/donations. Please ask the Treasurer for a Gift Aid declaration form.

There is useful information on the welcome page on the choir's website www.rbc-choir.org.uk and updates will be posted there as needed. Keep in touch through www.facebook.com/rbcchoir and twitter @rbcchoir. To contact RBCS, email rbc.choir@gmail.com or txt/email Sue on 07961 148806, sueheathdowney@hotmail.com.

Important

- Between rehearsals, please listen to performances and practise your part, if you can with another choir member. The more practising you can do, the more enjoyable and productive our choir rehearsals will be. Sue recommends you look online for the Simon Rattle version (also an interview with him) or buy the CD
- Scores – we usually hire these in from libraries or other choirs and have to return them in good condition. So, please, only mark your score in SOFT PENCIL which we can rub out before we send them back.

Committee: Ania Manser (Chair) Clare Birks (Treasurer), Steve Hodges (Secretary), Penny Barrett, Emily Clemo, John Hawthorne, Lynette Thornton, Margaret Robinson and Rob Wilson.

If you want help, ask John Hawthorne (Tenor), David Gilbert (Bass), Jane Deakin (Soprano) and Jane Abraham (alto).

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