

VIVACE

Newsletter 22 - Easter 2010

Happy Easter

A reminder of our rehearsals for the next few weeks:

31 March - no rehearsal (both John and Kate are away)

7/14 April - no rehearsals Easter

21 April - restart rehearsals at Edgeworth House

2 June - no rehearsal half term

10 July - concert at Christchurch, Hitchin

Repertoire

We are singing Brahms Love songs numbers 5,6,8,9,11,15,16 and you may want to write in the German when it is not directly under your part.

Message from Karen

In addition to the music we already have, we will also be singing a couple of movements of the Brahms German Requiem at our summer concert. The Peters edition (John's preferred edition) is available from musicroom.com for £6.95 so if you would like your own copy, please let me know by Wednesday 14 April so that I can order them in time to arrive for our first rehearsal next term, by which time I should - hopefully - also have the library copies to distribute. Either email me on keg@hedgehog69.freeserve.co.uk or ring 01462 490220 and leave a message. I would appreciate prompt payment on 21 April! Musicroom.com doesn't seem to have the same editions of the other items we're singing but, if anyone is particularly keen to have their own copy of anything, let me know which and I'll do some more hunting. Finally, if anyone is ordering independently, please be aware that there is also a Peters edition with English words only - don't order one of those or you will have a lot of German words to write in!

Gift Aid

We have confirmed with HMRC that we can claim gift aid and backdate to 8th July 2009 when we started the process of charitable registration. So far we have 22 completed Gift Aid forms from choir members - which would enable us to claim £739.20 at the end of our accounting period, which is 31st July. As we have 44 members we think we can do better than this - very few people have said that they do not pay income tax. So please help our funds at no cost to yourselves by obtaining a gift aid form from Wendy - it really is very simple to complete.

Thanks!

Sacred music

The BBC has been running a series about composers of sacred music which featured Brahms in the first episode and gave a resume of his life and works. As I write this, if you have access to the BBC iplayer you can still catch it on BBC4, it's the first episode of the second series and you need to use the 'series catch up' link.

Please remember that subs are due in April, £40 per term or £20 half term.

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