

ELTHAM CHORAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER 2011 (No. 51)

Welcome to the 2011-2012 season! And a particularly warm welcome to new members and to those who are joining us for the Mozart Requiem. Each voice section has a section rep, so please make contact with them if you haven't done so yet. They are Jo Richardson, Sopranos, Annabet Chapman, Altos; Mike McQuillan, Tenors and Mario Pinto, Basses

Looking back: Dido and Aeneas

Peter thanked choir members for an excellent performance of Dido and Aeneas and saying how much he had enjoyed working on the concert, which received very positive audience feedback.

Looking forward: Autumn concert – see overleaf

AGM Thursday 3 November. The AGM will take place in the second half of our Thursday rehearsal. There are 2-3 places to be filled on the committee – if you wish to find out more about the committee or if you are interested in standing for election, talk to our Chairman, Rod Tutt, or any of the current committee members (Sonia Ennals, Fiona Gardiner, Mike Hamson, John King; Mike McQuillan, Martin North, Val Seaton, Gillian Smith, Maggie Watson, Richard Wilkes,)

Christmas Concert

10 December 2011 at 19.30 at Holy Trinity, Southend Crescent
The programme includes Ralph Vaughan Williams' 'Fantasia on Christmas Carols' and Gerald Finzi's 'Magnificat' as well as carols for choir and audience.

Christmas Carol Singing

17 December 2011 at 11.00, Passey Place, Eltham High Street.
We sing a selection of well-known carols to raise money for Demelza.

Easter Concert

24 March 2012 at 19.30, Holy Trinity, Southend Crescent

Rhineland Tour 7 – 10 June 2012 ECS to Koblenz, Germany.

Summer concert 30 June 2012. This will include pieces from the three finalists from our Young Composer Competition. We are delighted to hear that John Rutter has expressed an interest in being the judge for the event. Around a dozen young people have signed up for the contest, and the shortlist will be drawn up in February by a panel of three musical experts.

Regular events: Raffle. The weekly raffle raises a small but nevertheless welcome sum of money which is used to subsidise special events such as bus hire for tours

Tea and Coffee rota: this year, the Tea and Coffee rota will be a genuine rota, with each section of the choir taking responsibility for a given number of weeks. If you wish to help but have not yet signed up, please see your section rep.

Tidying up after the rehearsal: Please leave no litter behind. It would be very helpful if you could move away from the chairs and benches fairly briskly, so they can be put back in place.

Programme suggestions: For the next few weeks there will be a list next to the registers for choir members to make suggestions about works they would like included in future concerts. Suggestions put forward so far:- Bach: B Minor Mass; Handel: Alexander's Feast; Haydn: St Nicholas Mass; Mendelssohn: Elijah; Whitacre: Sleep; Verdi: Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves (Nabucco);

Autumn Concert

This is a Come-and-Sing performance of Mozart's Requiem Mass (Novello edition), and we are inviting both experienced and less experienced singers to join us for the event. See below for the programme for the day. **Please note the earlier than usual start time of the concert: 18.30.**

Rehearsal CDs and downloads

For those of you who need a bit of help in learning your part in preparation for the rehearsals, a rehearsal CD or MP3 download can be invaluable. The "Rolls-Royce" of rehearsal CDs are probably those produced by Music Dynamics in the ChoraLine series at www.choraline.com They are unsurprisingly not the cheapest, but ECS members can get a 10% discount by typing "ELTHAM" in the discount code box. Choralia at www.choralia.net also produce practice CDs. If you prefer to download a midi files, a free Mozart Requiem midi can be found at: www.learnchoralmusic.co.uk

Volunteers are needed from the choir on the day for a number of roles including:

- Meet and Greet non-ECS members.
- Helping with refreshments during the tea break
- Providing refreshments for the "High Tea" for ECS members and guest singers after the rehearsal
- Helping serve the refreshments
- Helping with clearing up.

If you have friends who would like to join us, the registration form is available on the website and is also printed below.



Saturday 8 October 2011
 St Luke's Church, Westmount Road, Eltham, London, SE9 1XQ
 Enrolment: 13.00 – 14.00; Rehearsal: 14.00 -17.30;
 Refreshments: 17.30; Concert: 18.30
 Ticket price: Guest singers: £10; Audience: £5
 Dress smart casual
 Signed-up guest singers are welcome to join any of our regular Thursday evening rehearsals.

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Registration

To register, email your details to: secretary@elthamchoral.org.uk or post this reply slip to:
The Secretary, Eltham Choral Society, 21 Morden Road Mews, Blackheath, SE3 OAE

Name (please print)	Voice (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass)	Score required?

Total no. of singers: @ £10 = Total no. of audience tickets @ £5 =
 Cheque (made payable to Eltham Choral Society) enclosed for £

E-mail address: Phone:

Postal address: Post code: