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**BERLIOZ REQUIEM NEWSLETTER NO. 1**

**4th January 2018**

Dear Singer

 This is being sent to you because you have signed up to take part in the Berlioz Requiem performance in Gloucester Cathedral on July 14th 2018 as part of the Cheltenham Music Festival, to be conducted by Adrian Partington and to be accompanied by the talented young British Sinfonietta. There are one or two points that have come up that may well be of interest at this point.

**SCORES**

If you have ordered or bought a score every effort will be made to get these to you in really good time, well before the performance. If you are a member of Bristol, Gloucester, Monmouth, Stroud, Thornbury, Tyndale or Wycliffe Choral Societies scores will be distributed either through the SCBSG liaison representative or through the relevant choir secretary or Chairman.

If you are either not a member of any of the above or are not a member of a Choral Society at all scores will either be mailed to you or delivered by myself by arrangement if I am in your area or can arrange delivery.

I live in Alveston, to the north of Bristol and if you are in the area you are most welcome to collect your score by arrangement. My details are as follows:-

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**SCORE AMENDMENTS**

Adrian Partington has made a number of adjustments to the score and a list of these is attached to this email. Please make every effort to get these entered in your Bärenreiter score well before rehearsals start. Only the Bärenreiter score is acceptable to Adrian. Although there are other scores available it will be impractical to use them as their pagination, markings and in one case vocal lay-out are different and an attempt to use them will result in delays.

**BUSES**

The SCBSG will run buses from Thornbury to the Gloucester rehearsals and the performance and information will be available well in advance of the start of rehearsals. This will obviously suit members of Nailsea, Portishead, Yate, Bristol and Monmouth Choral Societies and it is highly possible that other Choral Societies will also arrange transport. There will be a charge for buses but this will be kept as closely as possible to cost.

**QUERIES**

If you have any questions or there is anything that you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to contact me using the contact details above

**REHEARSAL SCHEDULE**

The rehearsal schedule is unchanged from that printed in the application form and is given below as a record. You will be noted in good time of any changes in timings or venues.

**SOUTH COTSWOLD BIG SING GROUP**

**BERLIOZ REQUIEM 2018 REHEARSAL SCHEDULE**

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| **DATE** | **EVENT** | **TIME** | **VENUE** | **Conductor** | **Accompanist** |
| 19/6/18Tuesday | Rehearsal | 7.30-9.30pm | Wycliffe College | Chris Swain | Wycliffe Accompanist |
| 21/6/18Thursday | Rehearsal | 7.30-9.30pm | Alveston Methodist Church | Steven Kings | TBA |
| 26/6/18Tuesday | Rehearsal | 7.30-9.30pm | Wycliffe College | Chris Swain | Wycliffe Accompanist |
| 28/6/18Thursday | Rehearsal | 7.30-9.30pm | Alveston Methodist Church | Steven Kings | TBA |
| 30/6/18Saturday | Workshop | 10am-4pm | Crypt School, Gloucester | Adrian Partington | Jonathan Hope |
| 3/7/18Tuesday | Rehearsal | 7.30-9.30pm | Wycliffe College | Chris Swain | Wycliffe Accompanist |
| 4/7/18Wednesday | GroupRehearsal | 7.30-9.30pm | Crypt School, Gloucester | Adrian Partington | Jonathan Hope |
| 5/7/18Thursday | Rehearsal | 7.30-9.30pm | Alveston Methodist Church | Steven Kings | TBA |
| 10/7/18Tuesday | Rehearsal | 7.30-9.30pm | Wycliffe College | Chris Swain | Wycliffe Accompanist |
| 11/7/18Wednesday | GroupRehearsal | 7.30-9.30pm | Crypt School, Gloucester | Adrian Partington | Jonathan Hope |
| 12/7/18Thursday | Rehearsal | 7.30-9.30pm | Alveston Methodist Church | Steven Kings | TBA |
| 13/7/18Friday | Group Rehearsal | 7.30-9.30pm | Gloucester Cathedral | Adrian Partington | Jonathan Hope |
| 14/7/18Saturday | Group Rehearsal | 2pm-5pm | Gloucester Cathedral | Adrian Partington | British Sinfonietta |
| 14/7/18Saturday | Performance | 7pm-9pm | Gloucester Cathedral | Adrian Partington | British Sinfonietta |

All the best and I look forward to meeting up with all of you at the start of rehearsals

Jos Gregson

Chairman

South Cotswold Big Sing Group