

Arrangements for 21st November concert

Ahead of the concert, we have completed a Covid risk assessment in line with the guidance from Making Music. A summary of the key steps which we will be taking are summarised below and are explained on the concert page on the website. All orchestra members and our audience have a role to play in mitigating the risks associated with the concert. We ask you, therefore, to read the information and also encourage your friends and family in the audience to read the guidance on the website. If you have any further questions about the risk assessment or the steps we are taking to mitigate against the risks, please do speak to a member of the Committee.

COVID related symptoms

Players and audience members are asked not to attend the afternoon rehearsal and concert if:

- they have symptoms / feel unwell
- tested positive (PCR or Lateral flow)
- have been told to self isolate
- someone they have close contact with has tested positive
- are quarantining after a visit abroad

As soon as players are aware they will not be able to play in the concert, please notify your section leader and Hattie/Karen so that arrangements can be made to fill any key gaps.

Even on the day of the concert itself, if you meet any of the criteria above, please do not come to the concert.

Check in details for Test & Trace: All players and audience will be required to 'check in' ideally by using the QR Code facility at the church, or if this is not possible, register on a manual sign in sheet.

Ticket sales: Please encourage people to buy tickets online in advance and print out tickets in advance of the concert. Tickets will, however, be available on the door

Seating for the audience: We will try to block chairs to allow for groups of 2 and 3 with spacing inbetween to maintain social distancing. If you know of a large group of people attending the concert, please contact Josephine so that a larger group of chairs can be organised.

Lateral flow tests: People are encouraged to take regular lateral flow tests in line with government guidelines

Transport to and from the concert: Where possible, people are encouraged to avoid public transport to get to the concert

Illness at the concert: In the event that somebody feels unwell with symptoms of Covid, steps will be taken to isolate the individual prior to them travelling home. If they subsequently test positive for COVID, test and trace procedures will be followed in line with NHS Test and Trace

Ventilation: The following steps will be taken to maximise the ventilation in the church:

Doors and Windows will be left open as much as is practically possible. It may, therefore, be colder in the church than is usual for this time of year. ***Players and audience members should therefore dress appropriately.***

Interval: We will strongly encourage all players and audience to go outside in the interval. ***Therefore please bring suitable coats etc .***

If the weather does not enable people to go outside (e.g. heavy rain), the audience will be asked to remain seated during the interval, other than to use the toilet.

CO2 monitor: The CO2 monitor which we have been using for rehearsals will also be used throughout the afternoon rehearsal and concert to monitor the air quality.

Face coverings: Audience: Use of face coverings for audience members will be recommended throughout the concert. Players: Face coverings for players will be recommended when moving around, but not when seated to play

Cleaning and hand sanitisation : A cleaning regime will be organised in line with the requirements of the church including all touchpoints and the toilets. Hand sanitiser will also be available when people enter the church and will be available throughout the rehearsal and concert

Social distancing: One-way systems will be introduced at the church at entrance/ exit points. At pinch points around the toilets etc, there will be arrangements for socially distanced queuing.

Toilets and changing facilities for players: Orchestra members will use the toilets in the church hall. Audience members will use the church toilets and exterior disabled toilet. Orchestra members are encouraged to arrive dressed for the concert.

Rehearsal refreshments and interval drinks: No refreshments will be available during the rehearsal and there will be no interval drinks. Audience and players to bring their own drinks