

MESSIAH

Dorking Halls, Sunday 11th March 2018 at 7.30pm

INDEPENDENT SINGERS

You are invited to join us in singing the Messiah in 2018. The full details of the rehearsals are on the LHMF web page. Please note the first rehearsal is Friday 12th January 7.45pm in the United Reformed Church Hall, West Street, Dorking, RH4 1BS which will be taken by the Festival Conductor - Jonathan Willcocks, who will also take at least 2 more rehearsals. The rest will be taken by our Chorus Master Ben Costello. Our rehearsal accompanist will be Jean Douglas Tutt. We will use the Watkins Shaw Edition. **Please bring your own copy if possible.**

Jonathan sends the following message: "MESSIAH is a work which many 'know' and relatively few can sing really well. Our rehearsals from January to March 2018 are not only to enable those who have not sung Messiah before to learn the work, but also to focus the varied experience within the combined choir into a really persuasive performing style. Regardless of how many times you have sung this great masterpiece, I hope the singers will only miss rehearsals if there is a pressing reason to do so - Ben and I will do our utmost to make every session really enjoyable and productive musically. Of greatest importance are the final rehearsals on the afternoons of Sat March 10th and Sun March 11th (the latter with orchestra), at which I expect everyone to sing."

If you hold a current Surrey Library ticket you may, from 4th January 2018, borrow a 'Messiah' vocal score from the Performing Arts Library, situated at Denbies Vineyard, on the A24 at Dorking. Please mention that you are singing with the Leith Hill Musical Festival, and note that you will be responsible for observing the renewal date. Copies will be available for hire for £5 to those who are not ticket holders.

Please return this form to me by Friday 15th December, together with your cheque for the singing fee of £30.00 (juniors £15.00) **made payable to LHMF. Do not include the music hire fee at this stage.** Registration is on a first-come basis, and this is a popular work. Please do not leave it until the last minute to register as the list closes when the choir number reaches 230.

In the event of bad weather cancellation of any rehearsal will be announced on the web site. If in doubt, please check www.lhmf.org.uk.

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