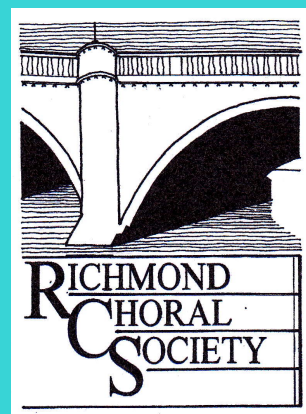


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Music for Easter

Just a short newsletter this time. I'm so pleased with the way our two concerts, jointly with Whitton Choral Society, went at Easter. Well done all of us! Neither piece was easy – but the control and pitching necessary for the Lauridsen, and the stamina required for the Gounod, were challenges that we rose to with humour and fortitude! And an 'ooh' of impressedness for the altos' high notes... I hope very much that you came to like the pieces as much as I do, and that you're proud of the results. A big thank you to Neil of WCS for his organisation and calmness, and to all of RCS and WCS for working so well together. Both of our pianists, Maria and Mike, were rather wonderful! A special thank you goes to Rosalind who stepped in at short notice to help the sopranos, and Lyn and Phil who did the door as I'd failed to organise any front of house! Very sorry that we had quite a few absences due to illness- we missed you.



My usual thanks go to all who helped this term, and in particular Beatrice who organised a last-minute post-concert social at the Thai White Elephant.

NEXT TERM AND BEYOND

Next term sees a varied and flexible programme of music from around Europe.


Alongside Brahms and Liszt (hee hee) will be perky numbers from Bartok, a mediaeval arrangement from Spain, and a baroque gem from Isabella Leonarda. Rosalind (soprano), Chris (flute) and Mike (piano) will provide solos, and we'll cap it all with a rousing Ode to Joy, celebrating unity and shared culture. Repertoire and rehearsal aids are already up on Moodle once you've enrolled. Please sign up nice and quickly, and encourage others to join too – we're low on numbers at the moment. Please note the probable concert date of July 14th.

MESSIAH

Yes we are! Our Christmas concert 2018 will be Messiah – come and sing!

Some lovely plugs and some food for future thought:

Our friends Richmond Opera will be presenting a portrait of the life and works of Purcell (yum) in the beautiful Normansfield theatre next month – should be lovely!





Richmond OPERA

celebrates the extraordinary life and works of Henry Purcell, from his early choral masterpieces and Royal anthems to bawdy ballads and ground-breaking 'English' operas - with full baroque orchestra.

Sunday May 13th at 7 pm
The Normansfield Theatre,
Langdon Down Centre,
TW11 9PS
Tickets £15 from
0333 1212 300 or
www.langdondowncentre.org.uk

Richmond Opera (formerly Isleworth Baroque)
reg. charity no. 1127803

The Genius of Purcell

The Decibelles' tropical party!

Join us for an evening of tropical delights! Fun, close harmony, a ceroc dance demonstration, more singing, more fun...

Saturday June 9th 2018
at RACC, Parkshot, TW9 2RE



Tickets £20, to include finger food, from
<http://www.wegotickets.com/event/435112>
or from The Decibelles

Doors open for drinks & chat in the café area at 7.30
www.decibellesuk.co.uk

Find us on Facebook:
Decibelles UK 

The Decibelles invite you to come for an evening of fun at RACC, including some dancing and refreshments, as well as party and tropical themed songs. Please book in advance as we tend to sell out! Follow this link:

www.wegotickets.com/event/435112

We are also putting on another WORKSHOP, on **June 3rd**, for female voices, to learn some Decibelles songs with us (and to perform one at the party!). These are always tremendously popular and fill up quickly, so please get in touch with Janet or at info@decibellesuk.co.uk to book your place.

THE MAGIC FLUTE – coming soon, Ormond Opera will be gathering a chorus for their production of this fab opera – keep an eye on their website for details! <https://ormondopera.co.uk/>