

01/03/2008 Notices

ABC Class of 2010

Week 8 of 10

Bronwen Mills

I hope you all enjoyed Bronwen's session; no doubt we will be singing like opera stars this week. If not, I'll want to know why!

Well done for taking the term 'triads' in your stride... it was a good example of hearing a technical term from an expert, probably not knowing it, but picking up the idea and running with it. You certainly zah-zahed enough triads to remember what they sound like!

BBC Radio Gloucester

If you'd like to hear yesterday's snippet, go to the listen again site for Richard Atkins Show, and drag the cursor to 1hr 50 mins (we went out at 7.45am).

Julian Elloway

This week we welcome Julian as our accompanist; he will be with us to the end of the course, allowing Chris to conduct us as we work on Handel choruses. Now would be a good time to practise looking at the conductor over the top of your score!

Reminder – March 7 – Handel for Haiti

I *strongly* encourage you to go to St Mary's Church, Thornbury (near the Thornbury Castle hotel), next Sunday at 2pm. Take your Messiah score, park yourself next to someone with singing experience, and have a go. It will be worth it in spades; it is for a good cause, it will be lovely to sing with a large group, you will pick up more than you think, and the practice of following the score will do you good. The Handel is so repetitive that you'll soon be able to join in.

(I remember the first workshop I attended was Thornbury's Mozart Requiem – I only went to crib notes on how they organised the day, never expecting to be able to sing

a note. To my surprise, I managed more than a note, and stayed the whole day through to the performance, and had a cracking time.)

If husbands/wives wish to attend, I have checked and this is fine – they'll take money off anyone! I advise you to get there early – parking may be a challenge, and I think that there will be a LOT of singers. I really wish I could go myself. Still, there's another come-and-sing-the-Messiah at the end of March... if you miss one, there'll be another along in a minute!

Reminder - March 8 – Road Closure

Castle Street (outside the Methodist Church) will be closed from 7.30pm from the traffic lights to the Town Hall, so the swimming pool car park will not be available this week.

- ... from the Cam direction ... park in the car park by the Old Spot Inn on May Lane and walk down via the pedestrian shopping zone to the Church.
- ... from the Uley direction ... use Long Street car park.
- ... suggest you car pool so that the problems are minimised.

Returning the scores

As we near the end of the course, and just in case any of you are going on holiday, can I please remind you that the Messiah scores must be handed in to Lynette at the end of your last session. Please hand your score to Lynette IN PERSON as it is signed out to you and you are personally responsible for it - Lynette will wish to sign the score back in. Thank you.

The Maltese Connection

News of the ABC has reached the Mediterranean – a lovely lady contacted me last week to ask about the format of our course, as she has been asked to run one for a choir in Malta... what fun!

Tip(s) of the Week

If you travel in to the ABC on your own, do your warm-up exercises in the car in splendid privacy. Breathing and controlled hissing, zuzzing scales and triads, you know what to do now..

Julia, Secretary