

12/07/2010 Choir Notices

Rehearsal 2 of 13

Elijah – Battle of the Gods

Workshop-cum-Come-and-Sing & Dramatic Performance... Saturday 2 October

I almost feel I don't have to give you the hard sell on this event. Almost. But not quite. Only 14 Tyndalers are on board to date.

Those who attended the "European Sacred Music Tour" workshop in 2008 will remember what an interesting, fun, and educational day Nigel Perrin gave us. This year, we will have the chance to actually perform with him at the helm. It will be a fantastic day of singing, and a chance to meet friends from other societies. And don't forget the soup kitchen.

John Hicks will focus on the main choruses in the August Sing, so you can prepare.

Some other reasons why members should support it:

- You will enjoy yourselves
- You will learn something new
- You can dust off an old favourite
- You get to perform without six months of rehearsals and there are no tickets to sell
- It is our main fund raising event, and only involves a bit of cake-baking
- It is one of our "Outreach" projects – ie, the evening performance is free to the audience. One of the reasons we received the further bequest from Rosemary Bowmer's estate.
- Nigel will be involved with next year's SCCG Verdi Requiem at Tewkesbury Abbey – he will lead a full day workshop, a pre-concert rehearsal, and concert day rehearsal and performance. If you intend signing up for the Verdi and want to get a feel for Nigel's style and approach, this is an excellent opportunity.

You may not see the need to commit to the event at this stage, ie with almost 3 months to go. However,

- We have August off, so we really have just 2 months to 'sell' the event

- Nigel likes a balanced choir; when the slots for the various sections are filled, that's it. I can't guarantee you'll have a place if you don't get a shimmy on and register
- It would show your active support of the society and your committee, were you to commit now and in numbers
- The discount for Tyndalers booking and paying early runs out on 19 July. No exceptions.

If you feel the singing challenge would be too great, ie beyond your current capabilities, or that the day would be too strenuous for you, there are other ways to join in; you can help with setting up, registration on the day, serving teas, making soup, serving supper, meet'n'greet, etc etc etc.

Society Friend (and my dear friend) Freddie Keey happily spends the day with us, working her fingers to the bone for a society she has never belonged to. It is always a source of wonder (not to mention embarrassment) to me that Freddie is willing to do so much, and isn't even a singer.

DO join in the fun in some way, shape, or form. I promise you it will be a marvellous day.

Register via the website, or pick up a blue form, or see me to volunteer in some way.

I'm sure we'll make it work this year.

Won't we?

Can't promise,

...but we may be featured in this week's Gazette, if space allows. Keep an eye open.