

CHOIR COMMITTEE

MINUTES

12:30pm on Thursday, 5 March 2020

Latimer Room, Clare College

Present: Professor Douglas Hedley (Chair); Miss Sophie Alabaster (Choir Administrator); Ms Camille Chabloz (Development Office); Dr Timothy Chesters (Fellows' Representative); Ashley Chow (Senior Organ Scholar); Miss Emma Easterbrook (Assistant Bursar); George Gillow (Junior Organ Scholar); Jessica Hopkins (Senior Choral Scholar); Mr Bill O'Hearn (Development Director); Joseph Payne (Senior Choral Volunteer); Mrs Nicola Robertson (Head of Chapel Office); Mr Graham Ross (Director of Music); the Rev'd Dr Mark Smith (Dean); and Ms Jocelyn Wyburd (Tutors' Representative).

1. **Apologies**

None.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

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3. **Minutes of 23 January 2020**

Approved.

4. **Matters Arising**

None.

5. **Update on current projects**

a. ***Hallgrímskirkja, ICELAND (14-15 March 2020)***

The Director of Music confirmed that all arrangements were now finalised and that following a discussion with the Senior Tutor it had been agreed that at the current time the tour would still be going ahead. The Head of the Chapel office informed the Choir Committee that she was liaising with the Bursary regarding the Choir's travel insurance to confirm that it would provide adequate cover in light of the current situation with regards to coronavirus. The Committee stressed the need to comply with any changing Government advice with regards to travel during the coming weeks.

- b. ***BBC In Tune Broadcast, London (26 March 2020)***
The Director of Music confirmed that he had accepted a last minute invitation on behalf of the Choir to give a performance during InTune on 26 March 20 as this would be excellent promotion for the Choir's upcoming release of their latest recording. Only London based Choir members, along with Choir alumni would be asked to perform. The Committee confirmed their approval.
- c. ***Choral Evensong at Westminster Abbey (20 April 2020)***
It was agreed that the Development Office would publicise this event to all London based alumni.
- d. ***Choral Evensong with Clare Choir Alumni Association (9 May 2020)***
The Head of the Chapel Office informed the Choir Committee that just over 40 alumni had signed up to this event. The Chapel Office would continue to publicise this event until the closing date.
- e. ***Benefactors' Recital and Dinner (12 September 2020)***
The Director of Music notified the Committee that he would select music for this event in due course.
- f. ***USA Christmas Tour (December 2020)***
The Director of Music was pleased to announce that all dates of the USA tour had now been confirmed. The Committee were pleased to note that the Choir would land in the UK on Tuesday 22 December which would allow time for members of the Choir who live abroad to travel home.
- g. ***Howard Assembly Rooms, Opera North***
The concert would not take place on the original date (*20 March 2021*) due to building works – a new date would be confirmed soon.

All other engagements remained unchanged.
6. **Any Other Business**
None.
9. **Date of next meeting**
TBC.

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For information: Anthony, Lord Grabiner QC (Master); Dr Jacqueline Tasioulas (Senior Tutor); and Mr Paul Warren (Bursar).

Miss Sophie Alabaster

17 March 2020