

CHOIR COMMITTEE

MINUTES

1:00pm on Thursday, 15 October 2020

Via Zoom

Present: Dr Timothy Chesters (Fellows' Representative and Acting Chair); Miss Hannah Ambrose (Choir Administrator) Ms Camille Chabloz (Development Office); Miss Emma Easterbrook (Assistant Bursar); George Gillow (Senior Organ Scholar); Samuel Jones (Junior Organ Scholar); Julia Morris (Senior Choral Volunteer); Mrs Nicola Robertson (Head of Chapel Office); Mr Graham Ross (Director of Music); the Rev'd Dr Mark Smith (Dean); Harry Swanson (Senior Choral Scholar); and Ms Jocelyn Wyburd (Tutors' Representative).

1. **Apologies**

Professor Douglas Hedley (Chair).

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

3. **UNRESERVED**

(i) **Minutes of 11 June 2020**

Approved.

4. **Matters Arising**

None.

5. **Welcome to new Committee members**

The Acting Chair and Fellows' Representative welcomed the new members of the Choir Committee.

6. **Update on current projects**

The following engagements were cancelled as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- a. London Drinks, Bow Tavern, London (28 October 2020)
- b. Brahms *Ein Deutsches Requiem*, King's College Chapel, Cambridge (23 January 2021)

- c. Christmas Oratorio/Messiah concert at Trinity/St John's Chapel (5 December 2020)

The following tour had been postponed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic:

- a. USA Christmas Tour (December 2020)

All other planned engagements remained unchanged at this time but would be reviewed in due course in line with current government legislation.

- a) **Advent Carol Service, Saturday 28 – Sunday 29 November 2020**

The Director of Music confirmed that there would be four services this year due to the reduced capacity in Chapel because of social distancing requirements.

- b) **All Saints Church, Leamington Spa Christmas Concert, Wednesday 9 December 2020**

The Director of Music confirmed the new venue of All Saints Church and the timings of the two 1-hour concerts. It was noted that it would not be possible for the Choir to be provided with a hot meal due to COVID regulations and the Choir Administrator confirmed that coach company were offering either a full refund or free rescheduling policy.

- c) **West Road Concert Hall Christmas Concert, Friday 11 December 2020**

The Director of Music confirmed that the concert is going ahead, and is a replica of the concerts at St John's, Smith Square and All Saints Church, Leamington Spa. The Choir Committee agreed to this without objection.

- d) **SJSS Christmas Festival, Saturday 12 December 2020**

The Director of Music confirmed that the date of this concert had now been changed to Saturday 12 December, with two x 1 hour concerts scheduled at 5pm and 8pm, with the possibility of a further concert at 2pm depending on demand for tickets. Benefactors would be invited to the 5pm performance. The Committee approved the suggestion to live stream the service via a paywall, which would then be available to view until Twelfth Night.

- (v) **Any Other Business**

None.

9. **Date of next meetings (over Zoom unless otherwise notified), all start at 1.00pm.**

- Thursday, 26 November 2020
- Thursday, 21 January 2021
- Thursday, 11 March 2021
- Thursday, 6 May 2021
- Thursday, 10 June 2021

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For information: Anthony, Lord Grabiner QC (Master); Mr Bill O'Hearn (Development Director); Dr Jacqueline Tasioulas (Senior Tutor); and Mr Paul Warren (Bursar).

Miss Hannah Ambrose
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