

Sing Handel's *Messiah* with Stornoway Singers!

Stornoway Singers will be performing the *Messiah* in Stornoway Town Hall on the evening of Saturday 23rd of April. They are inviting anyone who has ever wanted to sing this glorious piece of music, or those who just want a chance to sing again, to come and join them.

There will be a community workshop with the choir on Friday the 22nd April, and a final rehearsal on Saturday afternoon before the performance. You can also come and join Stornoway Singers for their choir practices every Tuesday if you wish to get ahead.

There is a small charge of £20 for participation. A copy of the score will be lent to you for the workshop and performance, or if you prefer to keep the music, you can buy it for £5. It does not matter if you cannot sight read music since the workshop will lead you through the music, and Stornoway Singers know the *Messiah*. All participants are encouraged to invite their friends and family to the performance, so you are guaranteed a sympathetic audience!

The choir will be directed by Cath Fish and supported by an orchestra of local musicians led by Neil Johnstone and Andy Yearley.

This is probably the first time the *Messiah* has been performed this way in Stornoway, so come and make musical history!

Further details

Events:

- Choir practices (optional): Every Tuesday until 12 April, 8:00 – 9:30, St Columba's Church Hall, Stornoway
- Final choir practice with orchestra (optional): Tuesday 19 April, 7:00 – 9:30, St Columba's Church Hall, Stornoway
- Community workshop: Friday 22 April, 2:30 – 5:30 and 6:30 – 9:00, Town Hall, Stornoway
- Final full rehearsal: Saturday 23 April, 3:00 – 5:00, Town Hall, Stornoway
- Performance: Saturday 23 April, 7:30, Town Hall, Stornoway (tickets £10 / £8)

Participants should take a Lateral Flow Test before attending, and should not attend if COVID positive or feeling unwell.

School students may attend free by invitation if recommended by their music teacher.

Participants should sign up no later than 15 April, and should indicate whether they want to borrow or buy a score (we will be using the New Novello Choral Edition, ed. Watkins Shaw). To register please contact Gill Mather (secretary of Stornoway Singers) by ringing 01851 870173 or emailing info@stornowaysingers.uk.