

SCHOLA

Cantorum of Oxford

55TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

FRIDAY 1 MAY & SATURDAY 2 MAY 2015

Schola Cantorum of Oxford invites you to take part in the choir's 55th Anniversary Reunion, culminating in a celebratory concert in the Sheldonian Theatre.

Dear Schola Alumni,

Everyone currently in the choir, the choir's trustees, and myself are very much looking forward to welcoming you all back to Oxford in May for the reunion weekend. We hope you will sign up with the enclosed forms to take part in the concert, and also encourage friends to come along to hear it. With distinguished soloists and our colleagues in the OAE to accompany us, the concert should be enormous fun and it will be a wonderful end to a weekend of music making and renewed friendships. We look forward to seeing you there.

All best wishes, James Burton

CONCERT DETAILS

Saturday 2 May 2015, 7.30pm, Sheldonian Theatre

Schola Cantorum of Oxford & Alumni Chorus

Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment

Soloists: Miriam Allan, Anna Dennis, Benjamin Hulett, Roderick Williams

Conductor: James Burton

Brahms: Schicksalslied, Op.54

Mozart: Mass in C minor, K.427

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 1 MAY

18.15-19.00 Registration

University Church of St Mary the Virgin, High Street

19.00-22.15 Rehearsal

University Church of St Mary the Virgin

SATURDAY 2 MAY

09.30-12.30 Rehearsal

Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street

12.45-14.30 Buffet Lunch & Silent Auction

Oxford Town Hall, St Aldate's

14.50-17.30 Rehearsal

Sheldonian Theatre

19.30-21.30 Concert

Sheldonian Theatre

21.30-23.30 Post-concert reception

Norrington Room, Blackwell's, Broad Street

To attend, please complete and return the attached booking form [by 16 March](#) to the Alumni Coordinator Lucy Cox at mail@schola-cantorum.net, or by post to 316 Ocentral, 83 Crampton Street, London, SW17 3BT. Singing places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis according to voice part, as we need to ensure a balanced choir.

INFORMATION AND BOOKING DETAILS

Participation

To cover the costs of this event, alumni who wish to sing are requested to make a contribution of £50 (£40 for alumni who graduated in 2012 or later). This participation fee includes the buffet lunch, music hire, a concert programme, and a small contribution to the concert costs. Places are limited, therefore please do book early to secure your place.

Alumni who do not wish to sing are very welcome to observe the rehearsals, and to attend the buffet lunch and concert.

Buffet Lunch

The Buffet Lunch will take place at Oxford Town Hall and will include a choice of main meal with salads and bread, followed by cake, tea & coffee. If you have any dietary requirements, please indicate this on the booking form.

If you do not wish to sing you are very welcome to join us for lunch, which is £25. Similarly, if you wish to invite friends and family, they are most welcome – please indicate the number of lunches you wish to book on the booking form.

Silent Auction

A silent auction will be held to raise funds for the choir's ongoing activities. If you feel able to donate an item for auction, we'd love to hear from you. Perhaps you could donate a case of wine, or a few nights in your holiday home....

Sponsorship

We would like all current members of the choir to attend the reunion at no cost to them. If you feel able to, we kindly ask that you sponsor a student lunch (£25) for a current member of the choir. This would be hugely appreciated!

We would also like to invite you to sponsor an instrument (£50) to help us cover the cost of the orchestra. As a sponsor, you will be credited alongside your instrument of choice in the concert programme (limited availability)!

The cost of this Reunion exceeds £35,000, which alumni subscriptions and ticket sales do not fully cover. If you feel able to donate £200 or more to support this event you would be credited in the concert programme as a Concert Patron, and in return will receive our sincere gratitude.

Concert Tickets

There is a one month priority booking period for choir members and alumni from Monday 2 February until Monday 2 March. After this date, tickets will go on general sale.

We strongly encourage you to book your tickets now through our box office - 01865 305 305, or in person at Oxford Playhouse. You will need to quote 'Song of Destiny' when booking. The box office is open 10am – 6pm, Monday – Saturday and the concert tickets are priced as follows:

Chairs	£60/ £30 wheelchair users
Semi-Circle	£25
Lower Gallery	£35
Upper Gallery	£13/ £5 student

To view the Sheldonian seating plan please [follow this link](#). If you have any queries, the box office staff should be able to assist you.

Concert Dress

Concert dress is Black Tie.

Ladies are invited to wear all black with a jolly dash of colour where you see fit!

Music

Vocal scores will be provided for all participants, however you are of course welcome to bring your own. We will be using Edition Peters for both the Mozart and Brahms. If you do bring your own scores, please ensure they are Edition Peters to ensure a smooth rehearsal.

Choir seating & lighting

Please be aware that you will be seated in the gallery areas for the concert, where - for health and safety reasons - we are prohibited from erecting additional lighting. If you think you may have a problem seeing your music, we suggest you invest in a small clip on light, many varieties of which are readily available from Amazon and other retailers for £2-£10. You have been warned!

Post-concert reception

The student choir will run a bar in the Norrington Room of Blackwell's Book Shop – a chance to wind down after the concert and say your goodbyes.

Corporate Sponsorship & Advertising

Would your firm like to sponsor this event, or perhaps place an advert in the concert programme? If this is of interest, please get in touch for more information. We're offering great promotional opportunities at very reasonable rates!

Volunteering

Are you able to help us make this reunion a success? If you feel able to help us with any of the following, please let us know –

- Contacting local businesses about concert programme advertising
- Sourcing wine for the post-concert reception
- Helping to put together choir welcome packs and register participants