

# Haslemere Musical Society

## Symphony Orchestra and Chorus

### Welcome!

We are glad that you want to make music with us

“Without music, life would be a mistake”  
(Nietzsche)

Please pick up a blue card and check out our website for more information on important dates and locations and contact details for the committee

### The HMS year

September	Rehearsals begin
October	Orchestral concert
November	Rehearsals continue
December	Combined concert
January	AGM
February	Come & Sing
March	Combined concert
April	Rehearsals continue
May	Combined concert
June	Summer sessions
July/August	You can have a holiday!

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

**Subs for 2018/19 remain the same at £130 per head (students £65).**

We do not want hardship to prevent anyone from making music with us. If you would like to explore options (eg monthly payments or a bursary), contact the Treasurer in confidence at [kate.mcwhirter@btinternet.com](mailto:kate.mcwhirter@btinternet.com) or 01428 609203.

Chorus members: part of your subscription is not eligible for tax relief under the Gift Aid scheme. This year you may only claim relief against £115.



### REHEARSALS

Rehearsals are normally in Haslemere Hall on Monday evenings. Sometimes we can't rehearse in the Hall, and can be found in Haslemere's churches instead – check the blue card for details.

**We do not have access to the Hall before 7.15! Come to the side entrance, and wait outside if you are early.**

Chorus members – please sign in – there is a register on a table in the main Hall each week.

We break for refreshments at 8.45; there is a charge of 40p for tea/coffee and biscuits.

**This term we are auditioning for a new chorus master; auditions are on 17 & 24 September, and 15, 22 and 29 October. They are normal rehearsals too – don't miss them!**

Music is provided, normally free of charge. We ask that you take good care of it; if we have to pay damages when hired music is returned to the provider, you may be asked to reimburse us. Pencil markings only!

Music is returned on concert night; please remove any non-performance markings before the concert.

Website  
[www.hmsoc.org.uk](http://www.hmsoc.org.uk)

Facebook  
Haslemere Musical Society

Twitter  
@HMSConcerts

## ABSENCE

**ORCHESTRA:** please inform your section leader in advance. Wind players please find a dep for any missed rehearsals. We will find a dep if you can't be at a concert, but please tell us as early as possible.

**CHORUS:** please inform your section leader in advance, and make sure you do your homework so you are not behind for subsequent weeks. Please tick the concert column on the attendance register in the first week - or put a cross if you can't be at the concert. If you can't be at a concert, please don't attend the final Monday rehearsal.



## CONCERTS

### Rehearsal

Starts at 2.30 – on stage, warmed up and ready to start

Chorus normally finished by 4.30, orchestra by 5.30

A light supper is available between rehearsal and concert for a £3 donation

Dressing rooms are available at the back of the Hall to leave coats etc

Don't forget to pay for your parking!

### Tickets

Available from the Hall box office

Please sell loads so we always perform to a full house!

### Dress

Gents – dinner jacket, black bow tie, black socks and shoes

Ladies – black long-sleeved round-necked top, full-length black skirt (or smart trousers if not on front row), black shoes

No bling or perfume

### Etiquette

Be ready to go on stage by 7.10

Silence on stage – your voice does carry into the audience, even in a whisper

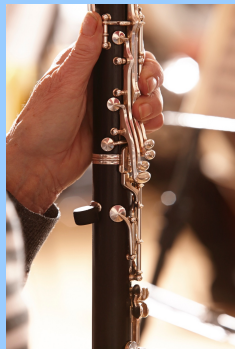
No visible water bottles. No crossed legs. Be professional at all times!

If you are standing for applause, please don't clap – clap only when seated

### Afterwards

Please help clear the Hall and stage

When the Hall is clear there is a party in the annexe – everyone is invited whether performers or audience



## A FLOURISHING SOCIETY

It takes a lot to run a Society like this, and it's fun to get involved. Please help in any way you can. We always need people to distribute advertising, help raise funds, and set up the Hall for rehearsals and concerts. We need people to make coffee on Monday evenings at rehearsals, and contribute cakes and other refreshments for events. And if you have a particular skill that you think might help (eg marketing, safeguarding etc) or if you have excess storage space that you could let the Society use, please approach a committee member. None of them bite!

You can also help raise funds when you shop online, at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)