



The Johannesburg Bach Choir

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Dear Choir Members

The crowd which used to do our free **web hosting** for us, t35.com, has decided to discontinue the service because of abuse. We have therefore relocated to a new local web hosting enterprise, and our new website is www.jhbbachchoir.co.za. It's up and running; please pay a visit.

There has been a feeling of unease about being well enough prepared for our next concert (6 November, all-Rutter). After discussions with Tim, some **extra rehearsals** have been added, so the calendar now looks as follows:

Monday 10 October	St Columba's (normal rehearsal)
Thursday 13 October	St Columba's 19:15 (normal time)
Monday 17 October	St Columba's (normal rehearsal)
Thursday 20 October	St Columba's 19:15 (normal time)
Monday 24 October	St Columba's (normal rehearsal)
Thursday 27 October	St Columba's 19:15 (normal time)
Monday 31 October	St Columba's (normal rehearsal)
Tuesday 1 November	St Martin's-in-the-Veld (dress rehearsal)
Sunday 6 November	St Martin's-in-the-Veld (concert at 15:00)

All rehearsals will begin at 19:15 and go on till 21:15, except the dress rehearsal which is likely to start at 19:00 and go on till about 22:00. I'll keep you posted. **Please try to attend as many rehearsals as possible.**

The number of concerts per year is always a bit of an issue. Two are too few, three seem to overtax the Choir. From next year we'll try and do **a concert every five months** on average, so that'll give us an effective 2½ concerts a year, and they will be at different times in successive years.

We would like to expand our base of **performance venues**. If you have suggestions about a place which would be nice to sing in, please let Tim or me know.

Our concert of readings and carols will take place on 17 December as announced previously. Our effort last year was enjoyed by both the audience and Choir and the event this year will take a similar form. If you have a **favourite carol** you would like us to sing, please let Pam Werrell or Jane Abrahams know. Similarly, if there is a **passage** you would like to read (and we really had some good ones last year), also talk to these ladies.

We're planning to make a submission to the Lotto distribution folks for some money for our **50th Anniversary Concert**. There are no details yet, but it's going to be a big occasion. Extra singers will be needed and are always welcome.

Please **sell those tickets** for the November concert! Dieter Nolte has them ready and will gladly help you.

Reiner Fossati
Chairman