



The Johannesburg Bach Choir

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Dear Choir Members

I hope that everyone has had a relaxing and re-energising break so that we can launch into this year's programme with much vim and enthusiasm. And, once again, best wishes for the New Year!

Our plans for this year are as follows:

A concert on **Saturday, 9 June** at Trinity Methodist Church. This will comprise Bach's *Cantata no. 21 (Ich hatte viel Bekümmernis)* and *Hail bright Cecilia* by Purcell. Both works have a large of choral part and will keep us going till June.

The next concert is planned for **16 October at St Martin's-in-the-Veld** (neither venue nor time is fixed yet). This will be a single-item concert, and the work none other than Handel's *Israel in Egypt*.

We are hoping to slot in an **extra performance near Christmas**, based somewhat on the lines of what we did last month. However, instead of *Readings and Carols* we are looking at *Readings and Messiah excerpts* (suitable for Christmas). Nothing has been cast in concrete yet. We shall, however, aim for an earlier date for this event than last year.

You will be happy to note that we have had a careful look at Richard Cock's **schedule** for this year, as well as bicycle races and a variety of other audience-limiting factors. None of our concerts should clash with these events. Of course, the **end of the world** which is predicted for this year is something we shall have to deal with when it arrives.

Our tenor of long standing, **Dieter Nolte**, has, unfortunately, resigned from the Choir for health reasons. I would like to thank Dieter for all his hard work in the Choir and also as member of the Committee for the last few years. I had just handed over the ticket-selling caboodle to him... Best regards, Dieter, and we hope that your health plays along.

Since we now have a vacancy on the Committee, I have co-opted **Evan McGillivray** to serve as Tenor Leader. Many thanks for accepting the job, Evan, I hope you'll enjoy it!

If you still have any music from our last concert (Readings and Carols on 17 December), please hand it back to Henry, our Librarian.

We meet again on the day after tomorrow: **Monday, 16 January at 19:15 at St Columba's**. Please bring some more singers if you can find them!

Reiner Fossati
Chairman