

BATH OPERA SUMMARY OF RISK ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES FOR REHEARSALS - SEPT 2021

The purpose of these guidelines is to reflect the mitigations set out in our Risk Assessment Policy (which will be able to be accessed on our website at www.bathopera.com), any guidance following the Government's decision to move to Step 4 of the Roadmap out of lockdown, and to do our best to ensure the safety and well-being of members attending rehearsals.

GENERAL

- you will need to complete a simple pre-attendance questionnaire prior to your first rehearsal which will be emailed to you before the first rehearsal. It asks a few questions about your current health and other Covid-related questions. These will need to be returned by email to Nicole Kirkman@btopenworld.com. You will be required to sign the attendance register for any subsequent rehearsal.
- You are strongly encouraged to take a Covid Lateral Flow Test no more than 48 hours before each rehearsal and we politely request that you are double-vaccinated (unless exempt for health reasons). The combination of the vaccine programme, the pre-attendance questionnaire, tests and hand sanitisation form our strongest defence against bringing the virus into the venue.
- We ask that you wear face coverings upon arrival and departure and when you are not singing.
- Hand sanitiser, anti-viral spray and antiseptic wipes will be available at the venue but you may wish to bring your own supplies.
- The rehearsal room will have doors open to optimise ventilation. It might get chilly so please come prepared. Also remember umbrellas if you are outside in inclement weather during the interval.
- The rehearsal room, chairs and toilets will be sanitised by the venue or Bath Opera Committee and the kitchen if allowed to be in use.

ARRIVAL

Please arrive in good time before the start of the rehearsal at 7.30pm to avoid bunching at pinch points. The Committee and designated helpers will have put the chairs out before your arrival and you will be shown your seating area for each voice (SATB).

- Please wear face masks on arrival and enter and exit one at a time
- Please use hand sanitiser on arrival and exit (and any time in between).
- if you have the NHS Covid-19 App please register with the venue's QR Code, then make your way straight to your seat.
- Please avoid shouting or speaking loudly, refrain from touching fixtures and fittings, and keep all personal belongings by your seat. Do not move the chairs and keep your chair for the duration of the rehearsal.

REHEARSAL

- There will be a weekly attendance register kept.
- All the music scores will have been sanitised and already marked up, numbered and named to minimise handling. You will be handed your scores one by one. It is NOT possible to share your music. Do not share pencils, or any other ancillary kit.
- There will be a break/s during the rehearsal to ventilate the room, when you can go outside. or into the hallways. It is recommended that you bring your own refreshments and do not share anything. We will update you on the use of the kitchen. Please avoid mingling as much as possible. Keeping a distance is another mitigation of risk.
- Please avoid queuing for use of the toilet facilities, ensure your mask is on, and keep distanced.

END OF REHEARSAL

- The rehearsal must end at the appointed time communicated to you at the start.
- Please ensure you wear your mask when exiting the building and avoid mingling until you get out of the building. The chairs piano etc will be cleaned and put away by Members of the Committee or designated helpers.

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