

Dear All

Firstly a concert you may be interested in attending:

The Swansea Philharmonic Choir will be performing J S Bach's B Minor Mass on Sunday 8th December at 7.30pm in the Brangwyn Hall. This piece is unlikely to be performed in Swansea again for years to come. The Swansea Philharmonic last performed it in the 1980s. Tickets cost £20/£15. A poster is attached giving full details. Tickets will be available on the door but I am told it is always better to book in advance. You can buy them from the Grand Theatre, but if you can buy from the choir then the choir doesn't get charged commission!

They will also be singing three short Dearden pieces which are commissioned a capella works written for Swansea Philharmonic Choir under Making Music's Adopt a Composer scheme. They are the only Welsh recipient of this scheme in 2019.

Now an appeal for help:

Abertawe Festival for Young Musicians, a musical festival with competitive and non-competitive classes for soloists, groups and schools, is seeking additional volunteers to help with stewarding at the forthcoming Festival in February 2020.

Could you help as a venue steward, platform announcer, adjudicator's steward, or at the registration desk or refreshment table?

All these jobs are needed to look after more than 450 instrumental entries in the main Festival, and help organise more than 400 children on Schools' Day.

The performance classes in the main Festival run from Thursday 6th February 2020 (get-in day) to Monday 10th February and are held at the Lord Mayor's Reception Room and other Committee Rooms at the Guildhall, Swansea.

Before this, Schools' Day will be held on Friday 31st January at St Mary's Church, Swansea.

In addition, there is an AFYM prizewinner's concert on Sunday 15th March at the Taliesin Theatre at Swansea University, and in April-May 2020 AFYM is co-host of the annual BBC National Orchestra of Wales student workshop at the Brangwyn Hall.

A fuller picture of what we do can be found on the Festival website: <https://www.afym.org.uk>

If you think you can help with these activities which will excite and charm in equal measure, please get in contact with the Rota Secretary, Colin Fielder:

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I know it's a little early, but I don't think I will be emailing you again this year, so may I wish you a very Happy Christmas and a very peaceful and musical 2020.

Best wishes,
Anne