

Arrangements for playing together in June 2021

With some restrictions still in place, the trustees have agreed that it is safe for the orchestra to play together, but only provided some conditions are adhered to by members:

Possible infection

1. Don't come if you have symptoms that might be attributable to Corona virus infection, or if you are in a 10-day period of isolation (through close contact with someone who may be or is infected). If you notice symptoms following a rehearsal make sure you inform one of us immediately, so that the others present can be informed.
Also to remind you: if you are returning from countries on the government's 'amber' or 'red' list please also observe the quarantine guidelines.

Groups and entry to the venue

2. We are allowed to gather in groups of six. We shall therefore all be allocated to a group of six before each rehearsal. It's vital that you stay within that group and don't mix, socialise, embrace, share a drink with, leave the building with etc with anyone from another group.
3. Groups will be required to keep a distance of 1m from each other.
4. On arrival, please wait outside before entering the building. David will control entry by groups to help ensure group separation. When told to enter the venue, you should move straight to you nominated seat.
5. On the first rehearsal back people were compliant with the request to stay in groups. However we are expecting more players in the coming weeks and we shall have to be more careful: groups closer together, but more obviously distinct from the other groups.
6. There would be a limit on overall numbers, but the hall is spacious and well ventilated, and we are not expecting the total numbers to be a problem at present, providing group separation is maintained. This may change if we find many more people wanting to play than we are expecting.

Masks, stands and breaks

7. Masks should be worn when moving within the hall but may be removed when seated. Those that cannot wear a mask for medical reasons are exempt. Logically, you are most likely to be transmitting virus particles when talking, so paradoxically that should be when you are most reliably wearing a mask.

8. Sharing a music stand with another member from your own group of six is permitted, though you personally may feel safer to bring your own stand that you don't wish to share with anyone else. Please bring your own stand if you can.
9. To minimise unnecessary movement please keep your instrument cases as close as possible to your seat.
10. We expect to have a break, but the hall currently does not have functioning kitchen facilities, so bring your own refreshments. Refreshments cannot be shared with anyone outside your group.
11. There is open space in front of the building which people can use for responsible socialising within their group; members are not permitted to mix with people from other groups during breaks.
12. There are toilet facilities in the building. If you need to use them, please make sure that there is only one person in the toilet at a time (it's possible, of course, that the facilities ensure that happens)
13. For wind & brass players. Please make sure you have some means of capturing your own droplets and condensation. Please try to get hold of a 'moisture guard'.
14. Keeping hands as clean as possible remains in the guidance. Please make sure you bring your own hand sanitiser

Attendance record

15. COVID regulations require that we have a record of who attends on each date. Please make sure you sign the attendance record and include your mobile number. There may be a QR code for the hall, we must have our own record in case anyone reports illness within 10 days of a rehearsal. We shall keep the record for three weeks and then destroy it.
16. If you have any symptoms that might be from Corona virus infection please stay away. If able, please have a lateral flow test on the day that we are playing. Lateral flow tests are simple and easy to do at home. They are available at any one of the testing sites in Bristol:
 - Bristol Rapid Testing Centre, 17-18 Wellington Road, BS2 9DA, 9am to 7pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 1pm Saturday, closed on Sunday
 - Hengrove Leisure Park, BS14 0HR, 2.30pm to 8pm, Monday to Sunday
 - Netham Park, BS5 9RU, 2.30pm to 8pm, Monday to Sunday
 - Victoria Rooms Car Park, BS8 1EG, 2.30pm to 8pm, Monday to Sunday

If you have any questions, or you need to contact someone, because you have developed symptoms etc. please phone

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Signed off by the trustees

1 June 2021