

Royal British Legion Centenary Festival – 1/5/22

Information for Choirs

Dress code: All black, trousers/skirt/dress/shirt

Rehearsal time tbc – likely 2pm-5pm

Performance time: 7pm – 9:45pm

Repertoire for choir

There is sheet music for nearly all pieces – if choirs require this on the day (I'd suggest for safety perhaps?), please could all music be in a BLACK ringbinder. I'm hoping these will be available relatively cheaply for those that need it.

From Now On

This is Me

These accompanying 'Stagecoach', who will have 3-4 singers singing the lead parts. The choir are required for the chorus and backing parts only.

There are 2 parts for both of these. Please could each choir split in half and half of the choir learn each part. Some parts of this are unison, but there are parts when it splits. The harmonies are written where possible to be learned, however the top/main lines are the most important.

Please note: both of these are NOT in the original key, so your members won't be able to sing along with the original tracks. Both are only a semitone out, but make all the other parts more manageable.

There are midi backing tracks to these in the correct key. I've included the piano part if you wish for rehearsals.

You'll Never Walk Alone

This is to follow this week, as it's just about finished. It'll only be the chorus towards the end so nothing too challenging.

Sailing

This is fairly easy as there is only one unison melody part. I've included the piano part if you wish for rehearsals. There is an unexpected bar rest towards the end to watch out for, so please make sure singers are familiar with the end section.

There is a recording available by the Band of HM Royal Marines with the vocal part included to practise to.

Happy Birthday Bernie

There will be a veteran and long standing poppy seller featured on a video, called Bernie – who is coming up to his 100th birthday. He will then be coming out onto stage, and the organiser has requested that we sing Happy Birthday and also play his favourite song/march (Life on the Ocean Wave). I've concocted this arrangement as a mix of both of them, going into Happy Birthday in 6/8, and then "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" to finish.

Midi backing track included.

Britannic Salute (Rule Britannia / Land of Hope and Glory)

This is a short medley of both of the above songs. The soprano soloist will sing the 'verse' of Rule Britannia, and the choirs are to join in from the chorus, and then sing all of Land of Hope and Glory.

There is no sheet music for this, only lyrics – I'm hoping this is okay. If it's an issue, let me know and I'll write one out.

Eternal Father and Sunset

The evening hymn will be Eternal Father – 4 verses. Again, there is 4 part harmony if you wish, if not please stick to the melody and the band will cover the harmony parts. This then segues into Sunset which has no vocals.

National Anthem

I haven't attached anything for this as I'm hoping it's not needed, but it'll be in the key of G.