

FRMS Central Region

A Regional Group of the Federation of Recorded Music Societies

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Dear Colleague,

I have pleasure in enclosing herewith the programme and booking forms for this year's regional event, a day featuring **Slavonic Music**. It will be held on Saturday 24 October 2015 at Littleover Baptist Church and its adjoining hall, Thornhill Road, Littleover, Derby.

The distinguished line up of presenters is drawn from a broad area, Leicestershire, Oxford and Derby.

The lunch will be provided by external caterers, which requires a longer lead time, and consequently an earlier booking deadline than has been the case in recent years.

The cost been held at £15.00 inclusive per person.

Littleover Baptist Church is a short distance from Derby Ring Road (A 5111); the recommended access from the south is from the A 38; the postcode is DE 23 6FZ. Car parking will be available at the school adjacent to the church. Information on routes to the venue will be sent with acknowledgement of bookings.

Catering constraints mean that the attendance will be limited to a maximum of 40 delegates, so early application is advised. Further, in order to process applications and post acknowledgments, and in order to organise the catering arrangements, it is essential that bookings are received no later than Friday 9 October, and earlier if possible.

Would you please communicate this information to your members at earliest possible opportunity?

Looking further ahead, diminishing attendances and depletion of the Committee mean that the future of the Regional organisation is in jeopardy; the current committee is prepared to serve for one further year. If societies wish the organisation to continue an infusion of new members is essential. Please give this matter serious consideration.

We look forward to seeing many of you at Derby.

Yours sincerely,



Secretary

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«Slavonic Music» - Saturday 24 October 2015

Programme

10.15 Reception (Tea & Coffee available).

10.45 Chairman's welcome by Allan Child - followed by

«Sergei Rachmaninoff - His Life and Music»

Dr John Malpass, former Trustee and Membership Secretary of the Rachmaninoff Society presents an audio-visual programme using Powerpoint® to illustrate the composer's personal and musical development. It includes many historical photographs; the musical examples concentrate on less familiar works, including significant recordings of songs, choral pieces, piano and chamber music as well as selected orchestral excerpts.

12.15 Buffet Lunch.

13.45 **«Bohuslav Martinů 125»**

The Czech composer was born in a church tower in 1890; his life story is fascinating, including time spent in France and America, as well as a narrow escape from the Nazis. Our presenter is Mark Todd, a member of the International Martinů Circle who writes about the composer for the Dvořák Society's Newsletter and is thus exceptionally well qualified to introduce us to the music of a composer who is still surprisingly and undeservedly much too little known.

15.00

Tea & Coffee, followed by raffle draw.

15.30 **«A Few Steppes off the Beaten Track»**

Colin Sharvell, Chairman of Jubilee Music Circle, Derby, presents a selection of less well known pieces by composers from Russia as well as from countries which were once constituent parts of the Russian empire or, later, the USSR.

16.45 Close.

We acknowledge with sincere thanks the loan of audio equipment by Jubilee Music Derby.

In the unlikely event of circumstances arising beyond the control of the committee, this programme may be subject to variation.

Attached below is the application form for the «Slavonic Music» Day to be held at Littleover Baptist Church, Thornhill Road, Littleover, Derby on Saturday 24 October 2015. Please complete the application form and return with the appropriate remittances to reach the regional secretary no later than Friday 9 October 2015 (sooner if possible). NB - please make cheques payable to 'FRMS Central Region'. Please provide a list of the names of attendees for registration purposes and also to indicate any dietary requirements.

Travel and parking information will be sent with acknowledgement of booking.

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Please reserveplaces for this event. I enclose cheques/postal orders to the value of £..... representing £15.00 for each place.

Listed below are the names of those who will attend, for registration purposes, together with any dietary requirements (vegetarian, gluten-free, etc).

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