

Doncaster Choral Society

Concert Review

Concert – **Carol Concert**

Date – **11.12.10**

Comments in Italics were made by committee members not responsible for the report in question.

Conductor:

- Preparation: Good especially as there were only three rehearsals. Choir took good notice of specific instructions & responded well.
- Performance: Pulled off a remarkable job considering shortage of rehearsals. The concert was well-received. We should be very proud of our collective efforts. No performance is ever perfect but the 'feel good' factor was extremely high. I felt quite elated on my journey home.
The stands & sits were an impressive feature viewed from the organ console!
- Minster Choristers: The chosen carols fitted in very well
*Good despite being 'new' and with understandable nerves.
The solo pieces were much appreciated by all.*
- Organ: *Simon – excellent – what more is there to say?*
Some distraction/concern caused by the collapsing music desk on the organ

Librarian:

- Music Distribution: Wakefield Library: Carols for Choirs Bk 1: Borrowed 10, issued 2
Bk2: Borrowed 20, issued 10
DCS stock: Carols for Choirs Bk 1: Issued 20
Bk 2: Issued 13
Most copies returned first evening back – 3 sets outstanding

Folders:

Publicity:

- Design: Usual format with decoration of bells on pale yellow – not colour expected
- Priory Publicity: Colourful board but ticket prices & sales outlets omitted inadvertently & later added
- Distribution: Poor because of cancelled rehearsal & poor attendance at another
- The Media: No coverage. Omitted from 'What's On' leaflet in spite of notification. Efforts being made to remedy this.
- The Programme: No problems

Ticket Sales:

- The System: Discounted tickets still sold to members, if requested.
- Numbers Sold: 155 total, including 53 at the door
- Outlets: Tourist Information Board: 7 sold

Finance:

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| Admission Receipts: | £1101.56 | Budget £1500.00 | reduced audience |
| Costs: | £776.05 | Budget: £1010.00 | no compère |
| Profit | £325.51 | Budget : £490.00 | |

Registrar:

Number of Members: 70
Rehearsal Attendance: 48.3
Concert Attendance: 40 plus 1 St Peter's Singer
Absence Notification: Terrible, mainly due to adverse weather conditions
Seating Issues: None that I am aware of
Concert Dress: No issues as far as I am aware

Concert Co-ordinator:

Setting up: K. Marriott and M.Froggett
Concert Position: Altar end
Tickets on the Door: E.Dodsworth
Programme Sellers: R.Daley and S.Bedford
Ushers: J.Wild and R.Nevett
The Green Room: K.Marriott
Clearing Away: Well done.

Refreshments:

Setting up: No problems
Serving: No problems though still some criticism of only serving cold drinks
Clearing Away: No problems

St John Ambulance:

Attendance: 2 in attendance – usual very good service
Treatment Incidents: 0
Remuneration: £35 with letter of appreciation

Specific Issues:

Given the weather difficulties for everyone – preps went as well as could be expected in the circumstances.

Summary:

Audience Response: *Very appreciative.*
General Comments: *Afternoon rehearsal was good – it helped that David knew we were under-rehearsed for one or two new carols and that he did not 'take it out' on the choir!*
Lovely atmosphere and rapport with audience from David, and choir, though struggling with the predictable pieces, were led in a way which kept morale high.
Good balance in the chosen programme. Most in the audience had enjoyed the chance to join in

