



## Shetland Scratch Choir

This is an event not only for folk who love singing in choirs, but also for those who perhaps only have time to sing in the shower or the car. We're inviting them to take part in a community event and join a bunch of like-minded people to rehearse and then perform with our Community Choir and Orchestra at the Clickimin Centre in the evening on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>.

We've put together a programme which includes some well known choruses, and which we know you will enjoy singing. Most of the choruses will be sung in English.

Brahms Song of Destiny

Puccini Humming Chorus

Verdi Triumphal Chorus from Aida

Verdi Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves from Nabucco

Handel Zadok the Priest

Sibelius Finlandia Chorus

You can register to take part in the Scratch Choir at the Shetland Community Orchestra website. Music will be available to download online and print off, and links to YouTube rehearsal videos for each part will be provided, so you can take a look at them before we meet up to rehearse. Members of the Shetland Community Choir will be taking part, so there will be plenty of support for new singers.

It isn't often that folk living in Shetland have the opportunity to hear opera and choral pieces accompanied by an orchestra, so even if you don't want to take part in the singing, please do come and listen to what we hope will be a memorable community event. That's 7.30pm on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> in the Clickimin Bowls Hall.

There will be two (optional) sectional rehearsals with piano on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2.00pm – 4.30pm (Tenors and Basses) and 6.30pm – 9.00pm (Sopranos and Altos) in the Town Hall, followed by a social event there for everyone taking part.

On Saturday morning there will be a full rehearsal of the choir with piano, 9.30am – midday, then at 2.00pm we'll rehearse with the community orchestra until 4.30pm. We'll perform at an evening concert starting at 7.30pm. After the concert we'll have a room booked at Lerwick Boating Club, which has a bar and beautiful views out to sea across Bressay Sound. (Open to adults over 18).

There will be a nominal fee of £20 to take part, to cover our hire costs, but there will be no charge for young people still accessing school and further education, or for those unable to afford this.

If you are planning to visit Shetland to take part, we have a beautiful award winning 5 star hostel at Islesburgh which is centrally located in Lerwick and near to both venues.