

Some news from the "Grand Chœur du Conservatoire de Chartres"

October 2020

It has been almost one year and a half that fifteen singers from the "Grand Chœur du Conservatoire de Chartres" crossed the Channel to travel to Chichester to participate in the 60th Anniversary of the twinning of Chichester with Chartres, joining the Chichester Singers for a concert which took place in the Cathedral.

This unforgettable visit to Chichester is still alive in our memories and for a long time. Many bonds of friendship between guests and hosts were created during these few days and some exchanges continue by phone or internet.

Unfortunately, Covid19 arrived and banned all travels and meetings. For lockdown reason our concerts during May were cancelled and all musical activities in our Conservatoire were stopped till September.

We are still optimistic, even if the sanitary conditions are not progressing in the right way, and we have planned two concerts in 2021. The first one will take place in February dedicated to the Romantic period, including works from Mendelssohn, Schumann, Brahms, the second one, in May with "Carmina Burana".

We have adapted our rehearsals following the government instructions. The rehearsals by voices on Tuesday and Thursday are done in a large room where it is possible to respect the social distancing between the singers. The Tutti on Saturday are done in the same room but by half choir. It is far to be so friendly than before but we have to.

All the french participants to the travel to Chichester look impatiently forward a better world to reiterate the experience of singing together, again in Chichester or in Chartres.

The most important is to keep in touch and why not singing, as the Chichester Singers did during the lockdown:

“We’ll meet again

Don’t know where, don’t know when

But we know we’ll sing together again some sunny day!