



## Members' Resources: Rehearsal Aids

There are many useful sources to assist you when practising between rehearsals. These are available from the internet. This leaflet is to help you to access some of these rehearsal aids.

A separate leaflet **"Your Sound Setup"** is devoted to helping you to obtain the best sound quality from your rehearsal aids

### Listening To Full Performances

In order to get the general feel of a piece, without getting into the detail of your individual part, any of the sources listed in this section do a good job.

- CDs / vinyl
- YouTube, Spotify, BBC iPlayer, BBC Sounds, Apple Music
- Downloaded MP3 files

### Changing The Speed Without Affecting The Pitch

This is a very useful feature for when looking at tricky sections. It is available on YouTube. Let's assume we want to listen to Puccini's *Messa di Gloria*. On a google search, "*Messa di Gloria*", The Filharmonia Narodowa performance on YouTube comes up first, but I click on the RCM version below it and start listening. After some minutes, I decide to change the speed ... I click the cursor over the video of the performance, the "settings" symbol (like a cogwheel) is now visible at the bottom of the picture. One click on the settings symbol gives me the option of slowing down or speeding up the recording without changing the pitch.

One can also change the speed without changing the pitch and transpose some MP3 files using various "slow-downer" Apps.

## Listening To Your Own Part

This is often free, but with paid subscription options. Individual parts are available separately, to assist learning a particular part, but also combined with the other parts to mimic the full choral sound.

*(As an example, let's assume you're a soprano, looking for Puccini's Messa di Gloria on John Fletcher's site).*

**John Fletcher's Rehearsal Files** <https://johnfletchermusic.org>

After clicking the above hyperlink, which takes you to John Fletcher's homepage, read his guidance on using the site. Then type "Puccini" in the search box. The Puccini works that are available are now listed. The second work listed is Messa Di Gloria and is FREE. Click on the hyperlink – the soprano part for the Kyrie is now showing. You have the option of listening to the soprano part with accompaniment, or all voices with accompaniment or just the accompaniment. Scroll down for the Gloria etc.

In the same way, follow guidance on the other websites to get the best from them.

**John Hooper** <http://www.learnchoralmusic.co.uk>

**Cyberbass** <http://www.cyberbass.com>

**Choraline** <https://www.choraline.com> A smartphone App is available

**Choralia** <http://www.choralia.net>

**Royal Free Music Society** <https://www.royalfreemusicsociety.org.uk/Archive00a.htm>

This provides parts for the White 100 Carols book

If you find any other useful resources, let someone in the committee know and we'll add to this leaflet.

*This is one of a series of leaflets to help members. If you feel that this leaflet can be improved, or that a leaflet on any other topic would be useful to some members, please let anyone in the committee know.*

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