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## **Leeds City Council and Leeds Philharmonic Society Announce New Partnership**

Leeds City Council is pleased to announce the formation of a new working partnership with Leeds Philharmonic Society. As the longest serving chorus in the city, Leeds Philharmonic Chorus has performed in the Town Hall as part of Leeds International Concert Season for many years and this new relationship will see them officially based in the building, alongside the Concert Season.

The Chorus of the Society has recruited a part time **Chorus Administrator** who will be based in the offices of the Music Department at the Town Hall and who will help to oversee the running and future development of the choir. The new recruit, **Lauren Currie**, is well-versed for the role, being a Concerts Planning Intern with Manchester Camerata. She has a BA Music from Leeds University and is also a choral singer.

Leeds Philharmonic Chorus has over 165 singing members and under its Choral Director, David Hill, it is **a leading choir in Europe**. Singing to a professional standard with internationally renowned soloists, orchestras and conductors, it regularly tours in the UK and abroad and plans are underway for a tour of Poland in 2009 which will include the Polish premiere of Karl Jenkins' *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace* with the Capella Cracoviensis Chamber Orchestra. At home, the Chorus is well known for performing in Leeds City Council's Opera in the Park.

The Chorus' next performances for Leeds International Concert Season include Delius' **A Mass of Life** with the BBC Philharmonic and Leeds Festival Chorus (21 March) and Mendelssohn's **Elijah** with Orchestra of Opera North and The Grammar School at Leeds Senior Girls' Choir (Saturday 9 May). Outside of the Concert Season, they will also promote and perform Jenkins' **The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace** (9 November) and Bach's **Christmas Oratorio** (parts 1,2,3 & 6) (13 December) at Leeds Town Hall.

Leeds City Council's Executive Member for Leisure, Councillor John Procter, said:

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“This exciting new partnership will see the leading music organisations in the city working together at Leeds Town Hall to continue to provide a fantastic programme of concerts for the residents of Leeds and visitors to the city.”

Chris Spencer, Chair of Leeds Philharmonic Chorus said:

“Leeds Philharmonic Chorus is delighted to have established even closer links with Leeds International Concert Season and, of course, with Leeds Town Hall which we regard as our musical home.”

As well as promoting and co-promoting major performances, the Society also holds open rehearsals and singing days for interested singers to attend. If you are interested in finding out more about joining the Chorus, visit [www.leedsphil.org/join.asp](http://www.leedsphil.org/join.asp).

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