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To All Championship Section Bands

10th February 2014

Dear All

West of England Regional Championships – St Magnus Percussion

As a result of a number of queries and concerns relating to the percussion for St Magnus, subsequent discussions with Council and further liaison with the ev-entz team, please read the following important information;

Timpani

I confirm that we will be providing **5** x timpani on stage make and sizes as below:

4 x Majestic Symphonic Grand Timpani (clutch pedal mechanism – same as Premier)

32" D-B

29" F-D

26" A-F

23" C-A

1 x 25" Premier fibreglass timpani

25" D-A

I have been informed that the 5th timpani (25"D-A) can be set up for your percussionist to simply play the five A notes which have been causing particular concern.

Tubular Bells

The range of the Tubular Bells will be a standard 1.5 Octave but ev-entz will provide a single additional bell (F#) on a separate stand, which I understand is the only note required to play that extends above the normal standard 1.5 Octave.

Additional Percussion Requirements

Please note that the percussion plan forwarded to you originated from the inside cover of the score of St Magnus and includes some items that are not on our list of provided equipment. Any such items, e.g. wood blocks, triangles, tambourine will be the responsibility of the individual bands to supply.

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I would like to remind you that Council has purposely planned the start time of the Championship section (i.e. not before 15:00) to allow sufficient time at the end of the Second section in order for your percussionists to visit the stage to familiarise themselves with the layout and equipment provided should they so wish and the eventz team will also be available to assist with any queries.

The Council recognise that there is an exceptionally large amount of percussion required for this test piece and should it prove necessary on the day, consideration will be given to delaying the start of the Championship section to ensure sufficient time is available for percussionists to visit the stage.

I apologise for the delay in clarifying the situation and hope this will help reassure your musical director and percussionist teams.

Kind regards

Sue Oldfield
Secretary to the Council
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