

Contingency Claim for the Choir's Répétiteur

The Choir would like to put in a Contingency Claim because:

- Our **Répétiteur** (rehearsal piano accompanist) asked for a pay rise in November from £40 per hour to £45 per hour. We had to accept this, despite having not enough to finance it as this is still less than the going rate (professional charges for Choirs of equivalent standard are £60) and less than his one-on-one tuition fee. Our Répétiteur also hasn't asked for a pay rise in over five years and it would be seen as rude to refuse and he would most likely have stopped playing for the Choir.
- The Choir executive committee originally thought this pay rise was due to take place in the new calendar year. However, when we received the Invoice at the end of the term, it was all billed at the new rate of £45. This was ok except for our weekend away, for which I had written a budget assuming a rate of £40. We also spent more time rehearsing than estimated on our annual budget for both Autumn and Spring weekend rehearsals. Just from the weekends away, this cost the choir £367.50 more than budgeted for.
 - Original budget was 3 hours at £40 for both rehearsals totalling £240. Instead it was £607.50. See attached Invoices.
- In the Autumn term, the Choir used student soloists from Imperial to sing in our Christmas Concert performance of Mozart's C Major Mass and Vivaldi's Gloria. Our Répétiteur also billed us for rehearsing with the soloists.
 - Similarly this was never included in any budget and cost the choir £123.75. See attached Invoices.

I don't wish to include regular rehearsals in our Claim, as I believe that we should have at least been prepared for a pay rise for our Répétiteur, even if it wasn't possible to foresee. However, as the Choir only found out the exact timetable for the weekend rehearsals just before each event, we weren't able to accurately predict rehearsal time.

The total extra cost to the choir was £491.25. However, as we only received half of our Répétiteur costs in grant in our original budget, the Choir will only asking for £245.63.