

# NewSPAL

The performing arts library in Surrey

## Monthly Update

Hello and welcome to a very short newsletter this month.

### Music making under Covid rules

As we approach the autumn, and the start of many groups' new seasons, amateur choirs are delighted that the current restrictions on them meeting to rehearse indoors will be lifted. DCMS has advised that they will not be updating their arts sector specific guidance. Instead groups should consult the government's Events and Attractions guidance for information about Stage 4. We know you'll be looking forward to resuming live rehearsals, if you haven't already. [Making Music](#) will be updating their guidance to reflect this so please do check in with their really helpful website, review your risk assessments, and above all stay safe!

### Composer/Playwright of the Month

Our project manager Kate has always assumed that stock at a library would be catalogued alphabetically by author or composer. However, as she has found this doesn't seem to be the case - the end is in sight for our cataloguing of vocal sets, so you'd think we'd be at Vivaldi, but instead we seem to be at Mendelssohn. We're sure our indefatigable volunteers will be all too happy to explain the reasons on the next shift!

Nevertheless our composer of the month for July is Vivaldi, and Roger Miller offers an insight into the loss and much later rediscovery of one of his most popular works, the *Gloria*. To read the article please [click here](#).

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