From Paul Richardson – Chairman of York Opera

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Dear All,

Thank you all very much for attending the Auditions for our forthcoming production of ‘The Marriage of Figaro’.

I know it is customary to say on these occasions that the standard was very high and it was very difficult to make decisions – but this was truly the case! Over 40 auditionees applied for just 11 parts, and we were absolutely blown away by the exceptional quality of everyone who came – Thank you all!

I have asked James to forward this letter to you all. This is not a usual practice but I wanted to emphasise to everyone how very impressed we were by the amount of preparation you had done and the quality of your performances.

By now you will have heard whether you have been cast or not. Congratulations to all who were successful and sincere condolences to those who were not. Please do not be down-hearted – we genuinely could have cast most of the roles many times over.

For those of you who did not get cast may I invite you again to come and sing in our Chorus Concerts. Details are being finalised, but there will most likely be 2 concerts in early April. There will be a mixture of solos, ensembles and some big chorus numbers – I would love to have you involved!

Rehearsals start at 7.30 on Thursday 17th January at Lidgett Grove – please come!

Once again, thank you all.

Best wishes

Paul