

City of Birmingham Choir concerts from 1991.
Concerts were conducted by Christopher Robinson with the CBSO
unless otherwise stated. All the main concerts transferred to
Symphony Hall when it opened in April 1991.

Messiah concerts and *Carols for All* concerts are listed separately.

1991

- Apr 27** **Mozart: Solemn Vespers (K339)**
 Mass in C Minor (K427)
Lynda Russell Anne Mason Peter Hall Brindley Sherratt
Mozart Bicentenary Concert *Choir's 70th Anniversary*
The first Choral Concert in Symphony Hall
- May 12** **Elgar: The Dream of Gerontius**
Sarah Walker Richard Braebrook Mark Wildman
With the Choir of St George's Chapel and CBSO
Diamond Jubilee concert of the Friends of St George's
Christopher Robinson's farewell concert after 17 years at Windsor
St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle
- May 15 & 16** **Beethoven: Missa Solemnis**
Lynda Russell Linda Finney David Rendall Robert Lloyd
By invitation with the CBSO Chorus
CBSO concerts conducted by Walter Weller
May 15 in Symphony Hall
May 16 was the CBSO's farewell concert in the Town Hall
- Nov 16** **Mendelssohn: Elijah**
Isobel Buchanan Catherine Denley Neill Archer Anthony Michaels-Moore
Choristers from St John's College Cambridge
The first performance of Elijah from the new Novello edition
by Michael Pilkington *Supported by Novello*

1992

- May 16** **Lambert: The Rio Grande**
 Gershwin: Piano Concerto in F
 Walton: Belshazzar's Feast
Susanna Spicer Peter Savidge Peter Donohoe (Piano)
Sir William Walton's 90th Anniversary concert
Promoted by and in aid of the William Walton Trust *Lady Walton present*
- Jun 12** **Friday Night is Music Night**
Lesley Garrett Ann Howard Arthur Davies Jason Howard
BBC Concert Orchestra conducted by Barry Wordsworth
Presented by Robin Boyle *BBC live broadcast*

Nov 21 **Elgar: The Music Makers**
Verdi: Four Sacred Pieces
Sarah Walker
Ladies of the Choir in new red dresses

Dec 15 **Holst: The Planets**
CBSO concert conducted by Mark Elder

1993

May 22 **Delius: A Mass of Life**
Lesley Garrett Catherine Wyn-Rogers Justin Lavender Stephen Roberts
Joint promotion with the Oxford Bach Choir
Pre-concert talk by Lyndon Jenkins

Nov 20 **Schubert: Symphony No 8 – “Unfinished”**
Orff: Carmina Burana
Tinuke Olafimihan Peter Hall Brian Rayner Cook
The Birmingham Conservatoire Boy Singers

1994

Jan 14 **Fauré: Requiem (part) plus other items**
William Clements Iestyn Davies (Treble)
Commemorative concert to raise money for Hagley R. C. High School following the M40 tragedy in Nov 1993
By invitation of The Birmingham Ensemble
Requiem conducted by Christopher Robinson

Feb 3 & 5 **Mahler: Symphony No 8 (Symphony of a Thousand)**
Deborah Reidel Amanda Roocroft Susan Chilcott Anne-Marie Owens
Catherine Wyn-Rogers John Mitchinson Jason Howard Michael Druiett
By invitation with the CBSO Chorus and choirs from The School of S. Mary & S. Anne, Abbots Bromley and Shrewsbury Prep Schools
CBSO concert conducted by Mark Elder

May 21 **Fauré: Pavane**
Poulenc: Gloria
Britten: Spring Symphony
Margaret Field Mary King Martyn Hill Choristers of St John’s College Cambridge
The Chapel Choir of St John’s College School

Nov 19 **Verdi: Requiem**
Judith Howarth Jean Rigby Justin Lavender Matthew Best

1995

May 20

Bach: Mass in B Minor

Julie Kennard Catherine Denley Maldwyn Davies Michael George
Adrian Partington (Harpisichord) Peter King (Organ)

National Federation of Music Societies Diamond Jubilee concert

May 28

Verdi: Requiem

Sharon Sweet Anne Marie Owens Dennis O'Neill Paata Burchuladze

*BBC Music Live concert with BBC Symphony Chorus, BBC Welsh Chorus and
CBSO conducted by Mark Elder*

Nov 18

Britten: War Requiem

Judith Howarth Martyn Hill Stephen Gadd Adrian Partington (Organ)
Choristers of St John's College Cambridge conducted by David Lowe

1996

May 18

Copland: In the Beginning

Kathryn Turpin

Bruckner: Te Deum

Lesley Garrett Kathryn Turpin Gordon Wilson Robert Macdonald

Vaughan Williams: Dona Nobis Pacem

Lesley Garrett Alan Opie

Nov 16

Elgar: The Dream of Gerontius

Catherine Wyn-Rogers Anthony Rolfe Johnson Matthew Best

The Choir's 75th Anniversary Concert

Concert followed by a Civic Reception in the Council House

Pre-concert talk by Diana McVeagh

1997

Apr 5

Mixed programme from operas and musicals

Nicolai Gedda Ulla Westlund The Real Group

Introduced by Elisabeth Soderstrom and Ulrika Johnson

Royal Gala Opening of Sounds of Sweden festival in the presence of HRH

Princess Christina Mrs Magnusson

By invitation with the BBC Concert Orchestra conducted by Barry Wordsworth

BBC live broadcast

May 17

Beethoven: Missa Solemnis

Judith Howarth Jean Rigby Justin Lavender Matthew Best

Joint promotion with the Oxford Bach Choir

Christopher Robinson's final concert as conductor of the Oxford Bach Choir

- May 24** **Orff: Carmina Burana**
 Anu Komsí Christopher Robson Anthony Michaels-Moore Manchester Boys' Choir
By invitation with Leeds Festival Chorus
BBC Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Yan Pascal Tortelier
Bridgewater Hall, Manchester
- Jul 13** **Berlioz: The Damnation of Faust**
 Maria Ewing Vinson Cole Willard White Richard Van Allan
Conducted by Sir Simon Rattle as part of the Voices in the City festival
Men of the Choir by invitation with City of Birmingham Symphony Chorus,
City of Birmingham Symphony Youth Chorus, William Hall Master Chorale of
Los Angeles, Vancouver Bach Choir
- Nov 15** **Mendelssohn: Wie der Hirsch Schreit (Psalm 42)**
Brahms: A German Requiem
 Susan Gritton Paul Whelan
Mendelssohn 150th anniversary Brahms 100th anniversary

1998

- May 16** **Copland: In the Beginning**
Weitz: Symphonie No 1 (Organ)
Elgar: Great is the Lord (Psalm 48)
Fauré: Elégie for Cello and Piano
Bridge: Scherzetto for Cello and Piano
Durufle: Requiem
 Kathryn Turpin William Clements Alison Atkinson (Cello) Carleton Etherington (Organ)
Spring Concert in Tewkesbury Abbey Organ accompaniment
Christopher Robinson was pianist in the Cello and Piano pieces
- Jun 13** **Elgar: Great is the Lord (Psalm 48)**
Introduction and Allegro for Strings
Scenes from the Bavarian Highlands
The Spirit of England
 Caroline Childe William Clements Adrian Partington (Organ)
Pre-concert talk by Diana McVeagh
- Jun 21** **Mozart: Ave Verum Corpus (K618)**
Requiem Mass (K626)
 Marie-Louise Aitken Christine Cairns Joseph Cornwell Konrad Jarnot
By invitation part of the Choir with the Choir and Orchestra of St John's Smith
Square conducted by Oliver Gilmour St Paul's Church, Birmingham
- Aug 15** **Orff: Carmina Burana**
 Judith Howarth John Graham-Hall Rodney Gilfrey
Part of the Choir in Choral Day at the Proms Massed choir of 1000 voices
With four pianos and percussion accompaniment
Conducted by Terry Edwards Royal Albert Hall

Nov 7 **Borodin: Polovtsian Dances**
Tchaikovsky: Romeo and Juliet
Orff: Carmina Burana
Anu Komsí Martyn Hill Alan Opie
By invitation with the Leeds Festival Chorus and BBC Philharmonic
Orchestra conducted by Yan Pascal Tortelier Leeds Town Hall

Nov 14 **Delius: Concerto for Violin, Cello and Orchestra**
Tasmin Little (Violin) Lars Anders Tomter (Cello)
Tippett: A Child of Our Time
Julie Kennard Jean Rigby Adrian Thompson Michael George
Pre-concert talk by Lyndon Jenkins
A workshop on A Child of Our Time was held on Oct 24

1999

Jan 22 **Friday Night is Music Night**
Susan Bullock Jacqui Scott Graham Bickley Richard Whitehouse
BBC Concert Orchestra conducted by Barry Wordsworth
Presented by Ken Bruce BBC live broadcast

May 22 **Mendelssohn: The Hebrides Overture (Fingal's Cave)**
Bach: Magnificat in D
Maxwell Davies: The Jacobite Rising
Ragnhild Heiland-Sorensen Sarah Blood Mary King James Oxley Jeremy Huw-Williams
First performance in England of The Jacobite Rising
Pre-concert talk given jointly by Sir Peter Maxwell Davies and
Sir Alistair Grant who commissioned the work
Scottish dancing in the ICC Mall prior to the concert
A workshop on Maxwell Davies's Music was held on Apr 24

Jul 10 **Handel: Four Coronation Anthems**
Concerti Grossi Nos 1 and 7
Hallelujah Chorus (Messiah)
Birmingham Choirs Sing for the Symphony Hall Organ
Introduced by Brian Kay with Birmingham Bach Choir, Birmingham Festival
Choral Society, City of Birmingham Symphony Chorus, City of Birmingham
Symphony Youth Chorus
English Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir David Willcocks

Oct 30 **Classic Spectacular**
Geraint Dodd Graeme Danby
CBSO conducted by Anthony Inglis Band of the Grenadier Guards
Muskets and cannons of the Moscow Militia
Raymond Gubbay presentation National Indoor Arena

Nov 20 **Poulenc: Gloria**
Concerto for Two Pianos and Orchestra
Stabat Mater
Judith Howarth Peter Donohoe (Piano) Elaine Burns (Piano)
Poulenc Centenary Concert Pre-concert talk by Roger Nichols

2000

- Mar 17** **Friday Night is Music Night**
Kim Criswell Mark O'Malley Wayne Marshall (Piano/Organ)
BBC concert orchestra conducted by Barry Wordsworth
Presented by Ken Bruce *BBC live broadcast*
- Mar 29** **Best of the Last Night of the Proms**
Mary Hegarty
London Concert Orchestra conducted by John Pryce-Jones
Raymond Gubbay presentation
- Apr 15** **Verdi: Requiem**
Susan Bullock Jean Rigby Bonaventura Bottone Alastair Miles
Pre-concert talk by Rodney Milnes
- Jun 10** **Finzi: Lo, The Full Final Sacrifice**
Howells: Requiem
Howells: Psalm Prelude for Organ
Vaughan Williams: Mass in G Minor
Sarah Blood Clare Wilkinson Simon Wall Alex Ashworth Carleton Etherington (Organ)
Summer Concert in Tewkesbury Abbey *Organ accompaniment*
- Oct 3 & 4** **Elgar: The Dream of Gerontius**
Anne-Sofie von Otter Vinson Cole John Tomlinson
Centenary performance of the work on Oct 3
By invitation with the City of Birmingham Symphony Chorus
The two Choirs sang the work entirely from memory
CBSO concert conducted by Sakari Oramo
Pre-concert talks by Michael Kennedy (Oct 3) and Lyndon Jenkins (Oct 4)
BBC live broadcast on Oct 3
- Nov 18** **Borodin: Prince Igor - Overture and Polovtsian Dances**
Orff: Carmina Burana
Anu Komsí Peter Hall Roderick Williams
City of Birmingham Symphony Youth Chorus (Juniors)
- Nov 26** **Sullivan: Excerpts from the Savoy Operas**
Gail Pearson Alfred Boe Donald Maxwell Andrée-Louise Hypolite Joslyn Rechter
Jason Wasley Richard van Allen Jamie Walton (Cello)
Sullivan Centenary Concert *Symphony Hall presentation*
Orchestra of Welsh National Opera conducted by David Lloyd-Jones

2001

- Jan 26** **Verdi: Opera excerpts**
Claire Rutter Natascha Petrinsky Justin Lavender
Verdi Centenary concert *Raymond Gubbay presentation*
Fanfare Trumpeters of the Band of The Prince of Wales's Division (Clive)
London Concert Orchestra conducted by Robin Stapleton

May 19

Finzi: Intimations of Immortality

Mozart: Requiem

Sarah Fox Louise Mott James Oxley Andrew Foster

Pre-concert talk by Andrew Burn

Oct 27

Handel (arr. Harty): Water Music Suite

Britten: Extract from Billy Budd – Billy in the Darbies

Vaughan Williams: A Sea Symphony

Amanda Roccroft William Dazeley

With the City of Birmingham Symphony Chorus

CBSO concert conducted by Christopher Robinson

Pre-concert talk by Roderic Dunnett and Christopher Robinson

2002

Still to come

May 18

Walton: Coronation Te Deum

Elgar: Cello Concerto

Walton: The Twelve

Walton: Belshazzar's Feast

Willard White Paul Watkins (Cello)

Walton Centenary Concert

Pre-concert talk by Michael Aston

Christopher Robinson Farewell Concert