

City of Birmingham Choir concerts from 2002

2002

May 18

Walton: Coronation Te Deum

Elgar: Cello Concerto

Walton: The Twelve

Walton: Belshazzar's Feast

Willard White Paul Watkins (Cello)

Walton Centenary Concert in Symphony Hall

Pre-concert talk by Michael Aston

Christopher Robinson conducted his farewell concert

July 2

"Golden Jubilee Concert"

Walton: Coronation Te Deum

Performed with Worcester Cathedral Choristers and the CBSO

conducted by Sakari Oramo in Symphony Hall as part of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

A number of other artists and groups took part in the presence of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and The Duke of Edinburgh.

Nov 2

Mendelssohn: Elijah

Sarah Fox Elinor Carter Lynton Atkinson William Clements

Six treble choristers from Worcester Cathedral

Pre-concert talk by Lyndon Jenkins

Adrian Lucas conducts the Choir in Symphony Hall for the first time

Dec 6 & 10

Handel: Messiah

Geraldine McGreevy Catherine King Edward Lyon William Clements

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas

Dec 15

Carols for All

Anna Huntley (soprano) Roy Massey (organ) Cambrian Brass

Anna Huntley was the winner of the Singing Challenge

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas

2003

Apr 12

Handel: Dixit Dominus
Mozart: Mass in C Minor

Ruth Holton Katharine Fuge Emily Bauer-Jones Robert Johnston Robert Rice
Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas

May 10

Evensong in St John's College, Cambridge
By invitation some members joined the choristers of St John's
Conducted by Christopher Robinson

Jun 21

"Music for a Summer Evening"
Vaughan Williams: Shakespeare Songs
Vaughan Williams: Five Mystical Songs
Finzi: Magnificat
Britten: Flower Songs
Haydn: Creation (extracts)
Handel: Dixit Dominus (extracts)

Jolyon Loy (treble) James Manship (tenor) William Clements (bass)
Daniel Phillips (organ)

Promoted by Worcester Cathedral Arts at Worcester Cathedral.
Organ accompaniment.
Concert conducted by Adrian Lucas

Oct 14 & 16 **Elgar: The Apostles**

Lisa Milne (soprano) Louise Winter (mezzo-soprano) John Daszak (tenor)
Garry Magee (baritone) Matthew Best (baritone) Neal Davies (bass)

Celebrating the centenary of the first performance.
By invitation with the City of Birmingham Symphony Chorus.
CBSO concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Sakari Oramo.
BBC live broadcast on Oct 14.

Nov 15

Albinoni: Adagio
Tavener: Song for Athene
Poulenc: Organ Concerto
Durufié: Requiem

Howard Quilla Croft (baritone) Thomas Trotter (organ)
Treble choristers from Worcester Cathedral

Pre-concert talk – Thomas Trotter in conversation with Martin Willis
Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas

Dec 5 & 9 **Handel: Messiah**

Claire Rutter James Bowman James Gilchrist Michael Pearce
Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas

Dec 21

A Christmas Celebration

Heart of England Brass Ensemble Adrian Partington (organ) Arden Junior Singers

Concert included Rutter: Gloria

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas

2004

Apr 3

Monteverdi: Magnificat
Mendelssohn: Hear my Prayer
Bach: Lobet den Herrn
Fauré: Requiem

Jolyon Loy (treble) James Manship (tenor) Russel Burton (tenor) Ian Bell (baritone)
Adrian Partington (organ)

Spring concert in Tewkesbury Abbey conducted by Adrian Lucas
Organ accompaniment

May 7

Holst: The Planets
Czech National Symphony Orchestra in Symphony Hall
conducted by Libor Pešek

May 15

Gershwin: A Cuban Overture
Lambert: The Rio Grande
Orff: Carmina Burana

Sarah Leonard (soprano) Lawrence Zazzo (counter tenor) Leigh Melrose (baritone)
Katherine Lam (piano) Ex Cathedra Junior Academy

Pre-concert talk by Stephen Maddock
Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas

Nov 13

“A Requiem for War”
Reflections on War and Reconciliation – A performance
of the poetry of Wilfred Owen and other writers

Gordon Mursell, Dean of Birmingham (presenter) Thomas Kunst (poet)
David Hart (poet) Andy Hockley (reader)

Britten: War Requiem

Julie Cooper (soprano) James Gilchrist (tenor) Peter Savidge (baritone)
Choristers of Birmingham Cathedral Choristers of Worcester Cathedral

With the Worcester Festival Choral society.
A joint promotion with the Worcester Festival Choral society.
Thomas Kunst came over from Leipzig to take part in the poetry
reading with support from Birmingham City Council.
Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas.

Dec 10 & 14 **Handel: Messiah**

Gillian Webster Robin Blaze John Bowley Ashley Holland
Roy Massey's last time at the organ after 50 years of Messiah
performances.

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas

Dec 19

Christmas Celebrations

Heart of England Brass Ensemble Adrian Partington (organ) Abigail Kelly (vocalist)
Children's choir from six Birmingham Primary Schools

***Concert included the first performance of 'And Peace on Earth' by
Bob Chilcott commissioned by the Choir***

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas

2005

Jan 8

Holst: The Planets

Ladies from the Choir with the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain conducted by Keith Lockhart in Symphony Hall

Mar 12

Britten: War Requiem

Judith Howarth (soprano) James Gilchrist (tenor) Stephen Roberts (baritone)
Gloucester Cathedral Choristers and Ley Clerks The Regency Sinfonia

*Fifty members of the Choir by invitation with Gloucester Choral Society.
Conducted by Andrew Nethsingha in Gloucester Cathedral.*

Mar 27

“Here come the Choral Classics”

Deborah Norman (soprano)

*A selection of choral classics by Handel, Mozart, Verdi, Fauré, Borodin,
Vaughan Williams, Parry and Orff.*

*Forty-five members of the Choir with twenty members each from
Birmingham Bach Society and Worcester Festival Choral Society.*

*Promoted by the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra and conducted
by Anthony Inglis in Symphony Hall.*

May 14

Poulenc: Gloria

Rachmaninov: Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini

Pärt: Cantus to the memory of Benjamin Britten

Rachmaninov: The Bells

Judith Howarth (soprano) Andrew Carwood (tenor) Stephen Gadd (bass)
Jonathan French (piano)

*Pre-concert talk – Chris Joyce and Gareth Thomas in conversation
with Martin Willis.*

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas

Aug 7

Shostakovich: Festive Overture

Prokofiev: Alexander Nevsky

Rachmaninov: The Bells

Elena Prokina (soprano) Frances McCafferty (mezzo-soprano) Ilya Levinsky (tenor)
Pavel Baransky (baritone)

*By invitation in Worcester Cathedral as part of the Three Choirs Festival
With the CBSO conducted by Adrian Lucas*

Nov 19 **Chris Long: O Lord, Remember**
Verdi: Requiem

Judith Howarth (soprano) Catherine King (mezzo-soprano) John Daszak (tenor)
Peter Savidge (bass)

First performance of O Lord, Remember, which was commissioned for the Choir through the Adopt-a-Composer scheme run by Making Music in partnership with spnm and PRS Foundation for New Music. Pre-concert talk – Chris Long, and Evan Dawson from Making Music in conversation with Martin Willis as part of the performance. Subsequently, Chris Long won the Making Music Award at the 2006 composer awards for his composition. Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas

Dec 9 & 13 **Handel: Messiah**

Elizabeth Watts Simon Baker Allan Clayton Daniel Jordan

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas

Dec 18 **Christmas Celebrations**

Heart of England Brass Ensemble Adrian Partington (organ) Children's choir from four Birmingham Primary Schools

Concert included the Twelve Days of Christmas with narration of John Julius Norwich's letters responding to the gifts, arranged by Edward Watson, and also a setting of Frosty the Snowman by Colin Baines featuring the children's choir. Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas

2006

May 6

**Mozart: Vesperae Solennes de Confessore
(Solemn Vespers)**

Tippett: Concerto for Double String Orchestra

Haydn: Missa in Angustiis (Nelson Mass)

Sophie Daneman (soprano) Louise Mott (contralto) William Kendall (tenor)
Charles Pott (bass)

Pre-concert talk by Christopher Morley

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas

Oct 3

Elgar: The Kingdom

Lisa Milne (soprano) Catherine Wyn-Rogers (mezzo-soprano)

Anthony Dean Griffey (tenor) James Rutherford (baritone)

Celebrating the centenary of the first performance

By invitation with the City of Birmingham Symphony Chorus

CBSO concert conducted by Sakari Oramo in Symphony Hall

BBC recorded broadcast on Oct 8

Nov 18

Faure: Pavane

Jongen: Symphonie Concertante for Organ

Berlioz: Te Deum

Adrian Thompson (tenor) Thomas Trotter (organ)

City of Birmingham Symphony Youth Chorus

*Presented by the CBSO as part of their concert series and
conducted by Adrian Lucas in Symphony Hall.*

Pre-concert talk by Gerald Larner and Lynne Walker.

Dec 8 & 12

Handel: Messiah (Mozart's arrangement)

Katrina Broderick Louise Poole Mark Chaundy Håkan Vramso

Given as part of the Mozart 250th Anniversary Celebrations.

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas.

Dec 17

Christmas Celebrations

Heart of England Brass Ensemble Adrian Partington (organ) Tanya Houghton (harp)

Worcester Cathedral Choir

Cathedral Choir entered in procession singing 'Once in Royal'.

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas.

2007

May 19

“Elgar the Music Maker - 150th Anniversary Concert”

Elgar: Pomp and Circumstance March No 6 (arr.

Anthony Payne)

Ecce Sacerdos Magnus

Sevillana

The Holly and the Ivy

Give Unto the Lord

Sursum Corda

The Music Makers

Frances McCafferty (contralto) Natalie Wheen (presenter)

*A programme of words and music celebrating Elgar's 150th anniversary
Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas.*

Jun 2

Elgar: The Apostles

Claire Rutter (soprano) Jane Irwin (mezzo-soprano) John Daszak (tenor)

Stephen Gadd (baritone) James Rutherford (baritone) Clive Bayley (bass)

Celebrating Elgar's 150th anniversary.

*About 30 members of the Choir invited to sing as part of the City of
Birmingham Symphony Chorus.*

CBSO concert conducted by Sakari Oramo in Symphony Hall.

BBC recorded broadcast on June 3.

Jun 3

Elgar: The Kingdom

Amanda Rookcroft (soprano) Jane Irwin (mezzo-soprano) John Daszak (tenor)

James Rutherford (baritone)

Celebrating Elgar's 150th anniversary.

By invitation with the City of Birmingham Symphony Chorus.

CBSO concert conducted by Sakari Oramo in Symphony Hall.

BBC recorded broadcast on June 4.

Jun 23

Bruckner: Christus Factus Est

Mendelssohn: Sonata No 3 in A for organ

Bruckner: Os Justi

Quilter: Three Shakespeare Songs

Britten: Hymn to St Cecilia

Bruckner: Ecce Sacerdos Magnus

Britten: Prelude & Fugue for organ on a theme of Vittoria

Britten: Rejoice in the Lamb

Andrew Swait (treble) Stephen Shellard (counter tenor) James Manship (tenor)

Ian Bell (bass) Carlton Etherington (organ)

Summer concert in Tewkesbury Abbey.

Organ accompaniment.

Concert recorded and issued on CD for members and friends.

Concert conducted by Adrian Lucas.

Aug 18

Elgar: The Apostles

Amanda Roccroft (soprano) Catherine Wyn-Rogers (mezzo-soprano)
Anthony Dean Griffey (tenor) Alan Opie (baritone)
James Rutherford (bass-baritone) Peter Rose (bass)

BBC proms concert in the Royal Albert Hall.

About 30 members of the Choir invited to sing as part of the City of Birmingham Symphony Chorus.

CBSO conducted by Sakari Oramo.

Live broadcast on Radio 3.

Nov 17

“Baroque Fireworks”

Charpentier: Te Deum in D

Handel: Music for the Royal Fireworks

Handel: The King Shall Rejoice

Purcell: Come Ye Sons of Art, Away

Purcell: O Sing Unto the Lord

Handel: Zadok the Priest

Hannah Atherton (soprano) James Bowman (counter tenor) James Atherton (tenor)
William Clements (bass)

Performed in the newly reopened Town Hall with the Orchestra of the Swan.

Zadok the Priest performed from memory.

Concert conducted by Adrian Lucas.

Dec 7 & 11

Handel: Messiah

Rebecca Outram Wendy Dawn Thompson Simon Wall James Birchall

Performed from the Oxford Edition

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas.

Dec 16

Christmas Celebrations

Heart of England Brass Philip Scriven (organ) Voice Factory

Concert included Vaughan Williams: Fantasia on Christmas Carols.

Voice Factory was made up from primary school pupils involved in the Choir's education project to train young singers.

Concert in Tpwv Hall, Birmingham conducted by Adrian Lucas.

2008

**Apr 12 & 20 Mahler: Symphony No 2 in C Minor
(Resurrection Symphony)**

Amanda Winfield (soprano) Anne Marie Gibbons (mezzo-soprano)
Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra concert conducted by Michael Lloyd.
City of Birmingham Choir with some members of Tewkesbury and District Choral Society and Worcester Festival Choral Society.
Presented in aid of The Birmingham Foundation and Tewkesbury Rotary Club Flood Appeal.
April 12 concert in Tewkesbury Abbey.
April 20 concert in Town Hall, Birmingham.

May 17

“Favourites from the Opera”

Verdi: Triumphal Scene from Aida
Britten: Four Sea Interludes from Peter Grimes
Bizet: Concert Suite from Carmen
Borodin: Polovtsian Dances
Gershwin: Porgy and Bess (Bennett Concert Version)

Maureen Brathwaite (soprano) Roderick Earle (baritone)
Narration of the operas by Susie Riddell – a choir member.
Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas.

Nov 15 & 29 Beethoven: Missa Solemnis

Lee Bisset Hannah Pedley Benjamin Segal David Soar
Concerts jointly promoted with the Bristol Choral Society.
Nov 15 concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas.
Nov 29 concert in Colston Hall, Bristol conducted by Adrian Partington.

Dec 5 & 9 Handel: Messiah

Elizabeth Watts Emily Bauer-Jones Allan Clayton Clive Bayley
Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas.

Dec 16 Christmas Celebrations

Heart of England Brass David Newsholme (organ) Park Hall Junior School Choir
Roz Goddard Philip Monks Helen Monks (poets)
Concert included poetry by local poets.
Concert in Town Hall, Birmingham conducted by Adrian Lucas.

2009

April 25 **Rossini: Petite Messe Solennelle**

Helen Meyerhoff Susanna Spicer Andrew Mackenzie-Wicks Christopher Foster
Christopher Robinson (piano) Libby Robinson (piano) David Newsholme (harmonium)
Concert in Town Hall, Birmingham conducted by Adrian Lucas.

April 26 **“The Environmental Prom”**

*Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Michael Lloyd.
About 70 members of the Choir and guests singing “Ballads for a Living
Planet” by Ian Barnett and Proms favourites.
Promoted by the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental
Management in Symphony Hall.*

Jun 6 **Elgar: The Dream of Gerontius**

Harriet Williams (mezzo soprano) William Kendall (tenor) William Clements (bass)
*Performed in Worcester Cathedral with the Chameleon Arts Orchestra
Concert conducted by Adrian Lucas.*

Nov 21 **Delius: Sea Drift**

Vaughan Williams: A Sea Symphony

Julie Cooper (soprano) James Rutherford (baritone)
*Schools display project in Symphony Hall foyer
Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas.*

Dec 4 & 8 **Handel: Messiah**

Alison Roddy Susanna Spicer Ed Lyon George Humphries
*Dec 4 in Symphony Hall and Dec 8 in Town Hall, Birmingham.
Thomas Trotter's 25th year at the harpsichord.
250th anniversary of death of Handel.
Concerts conducted by Adrian Lucas.*

Dec 20 **Christmas Celebrations**

Heart of England Brass George Castle (organ) Voice Factory III
*Voice Factory III choir was made up from primary school pupils involved
in the Choir's education project to train young singers.
Concert in Town Hall, Birmingham conducted by Adrian Lucas.*

2010

May 15

Finzi: Romance

MacMillan: Seven Last Words from the Cross

Fauré: Requiem

Jack Furber (treble) William Clements (baritone)

With Orchestra of the Swan.

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas.

Sept 16 & 18

Mahler: Symphony No. 8 (Symphony of a Thousand)

CBSO concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Andris Nelsons as part of the Birmingham Mahler Cycle.

The CBSO Chorus formed Choir I, and some members of the City of Birmingham Choir were invited to join the Hallé Choir as Choir II.

Oct 8

Holst: The Planets

Ladies from the Choir with the Houston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Hans Graf.

Concert in Symphony Hall.

Oct 30

Respighi: The Pines of Rome

Verdi: Requiem

Sarah Hartley Lisa Byrnes Octavio dos Santos Neto Gerard Delrez

With the English Schools Orchestra conducted by Robert Pepper.

Promoted by the ESO in Symphony Hall.

Nov 13

Parry: Blest Pair of Sirens

Durufié: Prelude et Fugue sur le nom d'Alain

Fauré: Cantique de Jean Racine

Bernstein: Chichester Psalms

Durufié: Requiem

George Bullock (treble) Nicholas Perfect (baritone) Worcester Cathedral Choristers

Tanya Houghton (harp) Huw Ceredig (percussion) Richard Jenkinson (cello)

Thomas Trotter (organ)

In Birmingham Town Hall with organ and instrumental accompanists.

Concert conducted by Adrian Lucas.

Dec 4

Classical Spectacular in the National Indoor Arena

Jesús León (tenor) Mark Holland (baritone) Thomas Gould (violin)

With the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra conducted by John Rigby.

A Raymond Gubbay promotion with Lasers and fireworks featuring the Band of the Welsh Guards and Muskets and Cannons of the Moscow Militia.

Dec 10 & 14 Handel: Messiah

Claire Wild Frances Bourne James Oxley Alan Ewing

***Dec 10 in Symphony Hall and Dec 14 in Town Hall
Concerts conducted by Adrian Lucas.***

Dec 30

Beethoven: Piano Concerto No 5 'Emperor'

Beethoven: Symphony No 9 'Choral'

Catrin Aur (soprano) Carolyn Dobbin (mezzo-soprano) Jesús León (tenor)

Leigh Melrose (bass) Sofya Gulyak (piano)

***With the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in Symphony Hall
conducted by Christopher Warren-Green.***

A Raymond Gubbay promotion.

2011

Apr 30

Bach: Mass in B Minor

Julie Cooper (soprano) Katherine Fuge (soprano) Susannah Spicer (contralto)
Simon Wall (tenor) Daniel Jordan (bass)

With Orchestra of the Swan in Worcester Cathedral.

Concert conducted by Adrian Lucas.

An exhibition of paintings by Nigel Groom linked to the concert on display in the cathedral over the Easter period.

May 21

Respighi: The Pines of Rome

Orff: Carmina Burana

Helen Withers (soprano) Stephen Douse (tenor) Mark Holland (baritone)

With The Birmingham Schools' Symphony Orchestra and the Birmingham Music Service Children's Chorale conducted by Michael Seal in Symphony Hall.

A joint promotion with the Birmingham Music Service.

Nov 5

Dvořák: Te Deum

Janáček: Taras Bulba

Janáček: Glagolitic Mass

Judith Howarth (soprano) Catherine King (mezzo soprano) Adrian Thompson (tenor)
Keel Watson (bass) Ashley Grote (organ)

The Choir's 90th birthday celebration concert.

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas.

Pre-concert talk – City of Birmingham Choir 'Past, Present and Future'.

Foyer display on the same theme.

Post concert reception and celebrations in the bar – including a cake!

Dec 3

Classical Spectacular in the National Indoor Arena

Stephanie Corley (soprano) Antonia Sotgiu (mezzo soprano) Philip O'Brien (tenor)

With the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra conducted by John Rigby.

A Raymond Gubbay promotion with Lasers and fireworks featuring the Band of the Welsh Guards and Dancers from the Birmingham Royal Ballet.

Dec 9 & 13

Handel: Messiah

Paula Greenwood William Purefoy Thomas Hobbs David Soar

Dec 9 in Symphony Hall and Dec 13 in Town Hall

Concerts conducted by Adrian Lucas.

Dec 18

Christmas Treats

A joint concert with Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra in Birmingham Town Hall.

The orchestra performed excerpts from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker suite and the Choir performed Finzi's In Terra Pax.

Conducting was shared by Michael Lloyd and Adrian Lucas.

Dec 30

Wagner: Prelude to Act III from Lehengrin

Saint-Saens: Organ Symphony

Orff: Carmina Burana

Ailish Tynan (soprano) Colin Judson (tenor) Mark Stone (baritone)
Stephen Disley (organ)

***With the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Lichfield
Cathedral School Choir in Symphony Hall conducted by Andrew
Greenwood.***

A Raymond Gubbay promotion.

2012

Mar 17

“Equinox”

Birmingham Schools' Azaad Dhol Group, Bournville Young Singers, Chinese Community Centre – Wan Cheuk Choir, Echo Doliny Polish Folk Choir, Sanchita Pal Ensemble, Town Hall Gospel Choir, Black Voices, Birmingham Schools' Percussion Ensemble, City of Birmingham Choir, Fiesha Amlak Drummers, SHAAM, World Music Youth Choir

An inter-cultural choral celebration inspired by the 2012 Olympic Games.

Promoted by the Choir and bearing the mark of the Cultural Olympiad. Each of the participating choirs performed their own selection of music and then joined in performing the world première of Koinonia, a work specially commissioned for the occasion by composer Christopher Long.

The City of Birmingham Choir performed Vaughan Williams Three Shakespeare Songs from memory.

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas.

May 12

Mozart: Regina Coeli

Schumann: Requiem

Beethoven: Mass in C

Katharine Fuge Kate Symonds-Joy Simon Wall William Clements

With Orchestra of the Swan in Town Hall, Birmingham.

Concert conducted by Adrian Lucas.

Nov 2

Grand Organ Gala including

Saint-Saens: Organ Symphony

Julia Sporsén (soprano) Stephen Disley (organ)

With the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Gareth Hancock in Symphony Hall.

A Raymond Gubbay promotion.

Nov 10

Rautavarra: On the Last Frontier

Brahms: Ein Duetsches Requiem

Eloise Routledge (soprano) Robert Rice (bass) Roger Judd (organ)

First Birmingham performance of On the Last Frontier.

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas.

Dec 1

Spectacular Classics in Symphony Hall

Sarah Redgwick (soprano) Philip O'Brien (tenor)

With the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra conducted by John Rigby.

A Raymond Gubbay promotion with lasers and pyrotechnics.

Dec 7

Handel: Messiah

Hannah Grove Atherton Sebastian Field Rupert Charlesworth Michael George
***Single performance given this year in Symphony Hall.
Concert conducted by Adrian Lucas.***

Dec 16

Christmas Treats

Heart of England Brass Paul Carr (organ)
Birmingham Music Service Children's Chorale
***A performance of the works on the Choir's new CD with a few
extra items.
Concert in Town Hall, Birmingham conducted by Adrian Lucas.***

Dec 30

Beethoven: Piano Concerto No 5 'Emperor'

Beethoven: Symphony No 9 'Choral'

Julia Sporsén (soprano) Julia Riley (mezzo-soprano) Joshua Ellicot (tenor)
Duncan Rock (bass) Danny Driver (piano)
***With the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in Symphony Hall
conducted by Christopher Warren-Green.
A Raymond Gubbay promotion.***

2013

May 18

“Essentially english”

Elgar: Great is the Lord

Howells: Requiem

Ireland: Elegiac Romance for Organ

Byrd: Laudibus in Sanctis

Finzi: Magnificat

Leighton: Crucifixus pro nobis

Elgar: Give unto the Lord

Hannah Atherton (soprano) James Atherton (tenor) Ben Cooper (bass)
Daniel Phillips (organ)

Spring concert in Tewkesbury Abbey conducted by Adrian Lucas.

June 16

Holst: The Planets

*Ladies from the Choir with the Philharmonia Orchestra in
Symphony Hall conducted by Vladimir Ashkenazy.*

By invitation as part of THSH International Concert Season.

Nov 2

Karl Jenkins: The Armed Man

Karl Jenkins: Excerpts from other works

*With the Manchester Concert Orchestra in Symphony Hall
conducted by Karl Jenkins.*

A Raymond Gubbay promotion.

Nov 16

Mozart: Overture – The Marriage of Figaro

Mozart: Piano Concerto No 21 in C – K467

Mozart: Requiem in D Minor – K622

Anthony Hewitt (piano) Rhian Lois (soprano) Anna Huntley (Mezzo-soprano)
Samuel Boden (tenor) Benjamin Cahn (Bass-baritone)

With the Orchestra of the Swan conducted by Adrian Lucas.

A Raymond Gubbay promotion.

Dec 6 & 10

Handel: Messiah

Helen-Jane Howells Hannah Pedley James Oxley Alex Ashworth

Dec 6 in Symphony Hall and Dec 10 in Town Hall, Birmingham.

Concerts conducted by Adrian Lucas.

Dec 15

Christmas Treats

Heart of England Brass Paul Carr (organ) Lynn Dawes (vocalist)

King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Girls Chamber Choir

*Including a performance of 'And Peace on Earth' by Bob Chilcott,
commissioned for the Choir in 2004.*

Concert in Town Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas.

2014

- Feb 23** **Mahler: Symphony No 3**
Hannah Pedley (soprano)
Ladies of the Choir also with St Peter's Collegiate Church Choir, Wolverhampton.
By invitation of the Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Michael Lloyd in Birmingham Town Hall.
- May 17** **Holst: Hymn of Jesus**
Elgar: King Arthur Suite
Vaughan Williams: Dona Nobis Pacem
Hannah Grave (soprano) Thomas Guthrie (Baritone)
With the Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Adrian Lucas in Symphony Hall.
- Nov 14** **Karl Jenkins 70th Birthday Concert**
Kathryn Rudge (mezzo-soprano) Belinda Sykes (contralto)
With the Manchester Concert Orchestra conducted by Karl Jenkins.
A selection of mainly choral works by Karl Jenkins.
A Raymond Gubbay promotion in Symphony Hall.
- Nov 22** **Spectacular Classics in Symphony Hall**
Philip O'Brien (tenor) Nicholas Lester (baritone) Thomas Gould (violin)
With the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra conducted by Anthony Inglis.
A Raymond Gubbay promotion with lasers and pyrotechnics.
- Dec 12** **Handel: Messiah**
Helen-Jane Howells Hannah Pedley James Oxley Alex Ashworth
Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas.
- Dec 20** **Christmas Classics**
Elizabeth Atherton (soprano) Brian Blessed (reader)
Saturday afternoon concert of Carols, Christmas music and readings for the Choir, audience and soloists with the London Concert Orchestra.
Introduced and conducted by Adrian Lucas in Symphony Hall.
A Raymond Gubbay promotion.
- Dec 30** **Beethoven: Piano Concerto No 5 'Emperor'**
Beethoven: Symphony No 9 'Choral'
Julia Sporsén (soprano) Julia Riley (mezzo-soprano) Joshua Ellicot (tenor)
Duncan Rock (bass) Danny Driver (piano)
With the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in Symphony Hall conducted by Christopher Warren-Green.
A Raymond Gubbay promotion.

2015

April 8 – 12 City of Birmingham Choir Concert Tour to Paris

Around 80 Choir members took part in this Paris tour travelling by Eurostar and staying at a hotel in Bercy Villages. Three performances were given in Paris Churches as follows -

April 9 – Eglise de La Madeleine

April 10 – Abbaye St Germain des Pres

April 12 – Cathedrale Notre Dame de Paris International Mass

Vaughan Williams: Mass in G Minor

Britten: Te Deum in C

Paul Drayton: Ecce Ancilla Domini

Samuel Wesley: In Exitu Israel

Mendelssohn: Mass for Double Choir – Kyrie and Sanctus

Orlando Gibbons: O Clap Your Hands

Willcocks: Lord of the Dance

Peter Philips: Christus Resurgens

Vierne: Impromptu from Pièces de Fantasia for Organ

Saint-Saëns: Allegro giocoso from Seven

Improvisations for Organ

Bach: Pièce d'Orgue BWV 572

Wesley: Choral Song and Fugue for Organ

Hannah Lucas (soprano) Henrietta Lockhart (alto) Dominic Lee (tenor)

Mark Lawrence (bass) Paul Carr (organ)

A selection from the pieces listed and featuring the Mass in G Minor by Vaughan Williams was performed at each of the main concerts, with a smaller selection forming the Choir contribution to the Sunday International Mass in Notre Dame which was attended by a vast and appreciative congregation

May 16

“A Trumpet Shall Sound”

Samuel Wesley: In Exitu Israel

Handel: Sinfonia in D for Organ and Trumpet

Bach: Cantata 147

Orlando Gibbons: O Clap Your Hands

Paul Drayton: Ecce Ancilla Domini

Vaughan Williams: Mass in G Minor

Howard Goodall: Shackleton's Cross for Organ and Trumpet

Britten: Te Deum in C

Hannah Lucas (soprano) Rebecca Buswell (alto) Dominic Lee (tenor)

Ben Cooper (bass) Daniel Phillips (organ) Crispian Steele-Perkins (trumpet)

Performed with organ in Tewkesbury Abbey.

Concert conducted by Adrian Lucas.

June 14

John Barber: The Rain Queen
George Shearing: Shakespeare Songs and Sonnets
Alexandre L'Estrange: Zimbe! Come, sing the songs
of Africa

Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (soprano) Rob Mrozek (reader)

A Jazz based concert entitled 'Zimbe!' with the Call Me Al Jazz Quintet which performed a short Jazz set.

The Rain Queen was composed especially for the concert by Choir member John Barber based on a poem by Paul Edwards'

Children's choirs from Coppice Primary School and Gilbertstone Primary School with Bournville Young Singers and West House School Chorale took part in The Rain Queen and Zimbe!

Concert conducted by Adrian Lucas in Town Hall, Birmingham.

Oct 31

Fright Night Classics

Stephen Disley (organ)

A selection of works to celebrate Halloween consisting of pieces for Orchestra, Organ, and Choir and Orchestra.

With the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra conducted by John Pryce-Jones in Symphony Hall.

A Raymond Gubbay promotion.

Nov 14

Spectacular Classics in Symphony Hall

Sky Ingram (soprano) Mario Sofroniou (tenor)

With the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra conducted by Anthony Inglis.

A Raymond Gubbay promotion with lasers and pyrotechnics.

Dec 4

Handel: Messiah

Paula Greenwood Kate Symonds-Joy Simon Wall Alex Ashworth

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas.

Dec 19

Christmas with Aled Jones

Lucas Pinto (treble) Jonathan Antoine (tenor)

A concert of Carols, Christmas music and readings for the Choir, audience and soloists with the London Concert Orchestra in Symphony Hall.

Introduced by Aled Jones.

Conducted by Adrian Lucas who also conducted the same concert three more times in other venues.

A Raymond Gubbay promotion.

2016

March 6 **Mahler: Symphony No. 8 (Symphony of a Thousand)**

Elisabeth Meister (soprano) Stephanie Corley (soprano) Alison Roddy (soprano)
Sarah Castle (mezzo soprano) Hananah Pedley (mezzo soprano)
Jeffrey Lloyd-Roberts (tenor) Morgan Pearse (baritone) Jeremy White (bass)

*By invitation in a Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra concert,
promoted as part of their 75th anniversary season.*

*The City of Birmingham Choir sang as Choir 1 with the University of
Birmingham Chorus as Choir 2 together with children from St Peter's
Collegiate Church and Coppice School, Wolverhampton.*

Conducted by BPO conductor Michael Lloyd in SymphonyHall

May 7 **Karl Jenkins: Requiem**

Karl Jenkins: Palladio

Karl Jenkins: The Healer

Lucy Knight (soprano) Hakan Vramso (baritone)

*With the Manchester Concert Orchestra in Symphony Hall
conducted by Karl Jenkins.*

A Raymond Gubbay promotion.

July 3 **“Folk Songs and Finzi”**

Rutter: The Sprig of Thyme

Vaughan Williams: Six Studies in English Folk Songs

Darke: As The Leaves Fall

McDowall: A Family of Folk Songs

Finzi: Requiem da Camera

Hannah Grove (soprano) William Clements (baritone) Fontaine Liang (harp)

*Performed in the Elgar Hall, Bramall Music Building at the
University of Birmingham with The Westminster Chamber Orchestra,
Leader - Peter Davies*

Concert conducted by Adrian Lucas.

Oct 15 **Mahler: Symphony No 2 (organ transcription arr. David Briggs)**

David Briggs (organ)

*A commercial CD Recording in Blackburn Cathedral by Adrian Lucas.
The Choir performed in the final movement conducted by Christopher
Robinson.*

Nov 6

“Songs from a Changing World”

Elgar: From the Bavarian Highlands

**Walton (arr. for piano by C Lambert): Swiss Jodelling
Song and Tango-Pasadoble from Facade
Suite No 1**

Tippett: Five Spirituals

Brahms: Liebeslieder Waltzes

**Walton (arr. for piano by C Lambert): Polka, Valse and
Tarentella sevillana from facade Suite No 1**

Chilcott: Five Days That Changed the World

Bibby Piano Duo Gareth Ceredig (timps)

*Performed in the Elgar Hall, Bramall Music Building at the University of
Birmingham and accompanied by the Bibby Sisters Piano Duo.
Concert conducted by Adrian Lucas.*

Nov 12

Spectacular Classics in Symphony Hall

Alexander James Edwards (tenor) James Cleverton (baritone)

*With the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra conducted
by Anthony Inglis in Symphony Hall.*

A Raymond Gubbay promotion with lasers and pyrotechnics.

Dec 2

Handel: Messiah

Alison Roddy Hannah Pedley Rupert Charlesworth George Humphries

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas.

Dec 19

Christmas Classics

Kevin Whately (reader) Julia Doyle (soprano)

Fanfare Trumpeters of the Band of the Queens Division

*A concert of Carols, Christmas music and readings for the Choir,
audience and soloists with the London Concert Orchestra.*

A Raymond Gubbay promotion.

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas.

Dec 18

BPO @ 75

*A group from the Choir sang a selection from Messiah as part of the
Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra's Birthday Celebration.*

*Conducted by Michael Lloyd in the Elgar Hall, Bramall Music Building at
the University of Birmingham.*

2017

April 19 – 23 City of Birmingham Choir Concert Tour to Vienna

Around 90 Choir members took part in this trip to Vienna. The main group travelled from Heathrow with BA while others travelled by various means. Accommodation was at the Trend Park Royal Palace hotel situated close to the Schönbrunn Palace.

Following a reception in the roof space of the cathedral on April 20th performances were then given in Stephansdom (St Stephen's Cathedral) on April 21st as follows: -

Midday Mass

Byrd: Haec Dies After the reading
Wood: This Joyful Eastertide Offertory
Bairstow: Let All Mortal Flesh keep Silence During Communion
Stanford: Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem After the Blessing

Paul Carr (organ)

Recital following the Mass

Finzi: Lo, The Full, Final Sacrifice
Walton: Set Me as a Seal
Finzi: God is Gone Up

Paul Carr (organ)

Evening Concert

Handel: Messiah

Cornelia Horak (soprano) Hermine Haselböck (alto) Alexander Kaimbacher (tenor)
Yasuhi Hirano (bass) Paul Carr (organ)

An abridged version of Messiah with Wiener Domorchester and soloists from Vienna.

During the Mass and Recital several Choir members took the short solo parts. At the end of the Mass a certificate was presented to the Choir in recognition of the visit.

May 20

Malcol Arnold: English Dances (sets 1 and 2) (orchestra)
Finzi: Lo the Full Final Sacrifice (choir and organ)
Walton: Belshazzar's Feast

Morgan Pearse (baritone)

With The Birmingham Schools' Symphony Orchestra conducted by Michael Seal in Symphony Hall.

In the first half the Choir performed the Finzi conducted by Adrian Lucas with Paul Carr at the organ.

June 17

“Be Glad and Rejoice”

Byrd: Haec Dies

Baird: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Walton: Set Me as a Seal

Hollins: Concert overture in C minor for organ

Vaughan Williams: Te Deum in G

Gorecki: Totus Tuus

Finzi: God is Gone Up

Nicholas Chaveaux: Three pieces for Organ

Ireland: Greater Love Hath No Man

Stanford: Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

Paul Carr (organ)

Performed with organ in Tewkesbury Abbey.

Concert conducted by Adrian Lucas.

Nov 5

Mozart: Overture - The Magic Flute

Mozart: Piano Concerto No 21

Mozart: Requiem

Tom Poster (piano) Tereza Gevorgyan (soprano) Anna Huntley (mezzo soprano)

Oliver Johnston (tenor) Morgan Pearce (baritone)

With the Mozart Festival Orchestra in Symphony Hall

conducted by Adrian Lucas.

A Raymond Gubbay promotion.

Nov 11

Spectacular Classics in Symphony Hall

Ilona Domnich (soprano) David Butt Philip (tenor) Alexander Sitovetsky (violin)

With the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra conducted

by Anthony Inglis in Symphony Hall.

A Raymond Gubbay promotion with lasers and pyrotechnics.

Dec 8

Handel: Messiah

Rowan Pierce Kitty Whateley Bradley Smith James Cleverton

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas.

Dec 18

Classic Carols

Sir Tony Robinson (reader) Nicky Spence (tenor) Crispian Steele-Perkins (trumpet)

A concert of Carols, Christmas music and readings for the Choir, audience and soloists with the London Concert Orchestra.

A Raymond Gubbay promotion.

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas.