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 with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

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

with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

Dec 6 & 10 Handel: Messiah

Geraldine McGreevy Catherine King Edward Lyon William Clements

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas

with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

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

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

with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

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

Duruflé: 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

with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

Dec 5 & 9 Handel: Messiah

Claire Rutter James Bowman James Gilchrist Michael Pearce

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas

with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

Dec 21 A Christmas Celebration

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

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas

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

Gershwin: A Cuban Overture May 15

> 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 with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

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 Leizig to take part in the poetry reading with support from Birmingham City Council Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

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 with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

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

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 Holl

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 with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

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 City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

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 with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

Dec 9 & 13 Handel: Messiah

Elizabeth Watts Simon Baker Allan Clayton Daniel Jordan

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas

with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

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

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 with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

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
with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

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

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 with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

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 Roocroft (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)

lan 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 Roocroft (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 with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

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 Town Hall, Birmingham conducted by Adrian Lucas

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 with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

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

with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

Dec 5 & 9 Handel: Messiah

Elizabeth Watts Emily Bauer-Jones Allan Clayton Clive Bayley

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas

with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

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

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
with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

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

with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

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

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

Duruflé: Prelude et Fugue sur le nom d'Alain

Fauré: Cantique de Jean Racine Bernstein: Chichester Psalms

Duruflé: 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

with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

Dec 30 Beethoven: Piano Concerto No 5 'Emperor' Beethoven: Symphony No 9 'Choral'

Catrin Aur (soprano) Carolyn Dobbin (mezzo-soprano) Jesús Léon (tenor) Leigh Melrose (bass) Sofya Gulyak (piano)

With the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in Symphony Hall conducted by Christopher Warren-Green A Raymond Gubbay promotion

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 in Symphony Hall

conducted by Adrian Lucas with the CBSO

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

with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

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

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
with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

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
with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

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

May 18 "Essentially english"

Elgar: Great is the Lord

Howells: Requiem

Ireland: Elegiac Romance for Organ

Byrd: Laudibus in Sanctis

Finzi: Magnificat

Leighton: Crucufixus 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

with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

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

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

with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

Dec 20 Christmas Classics

Elizabeth Atherton (soprano) Brian Blessed (reader)

Afternoon concert of Carols, Christmas music and readings introduced and conducted by Adrian Lucas in Symphony Hall with the London

Concert Orchestra. 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

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 Fantasie for Organ

Saint-Saëns: Allegro giocoso from Seven

Improvisations for Organ Bach: Pièce d'Orque 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 with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

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

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 Collegists Church and Coppies School Webserbarneton

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

Tippett: Five Spirituals

Brahms: Liebeslieder Waltzes

Walton (arr. for piano by C Lambert): Polka, Valse and Tarantella 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

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Dec 2 Handel: Messiah

Alison Roddy Hannah Pedley Rupert Charlesworth George Humphries Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

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

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

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. Accomodation 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 Haselbőck (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 Malcolm 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

Bairstow: 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 Choveaux: 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 Pearse (baritone)

With the Mozart Festival Orchestra in Symphony Hall

conducted by Adrian Lucas

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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

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Dec 8 Handel: Messiah

Rowan Pierce Kitty Whateley Bradley Smith James Cleverton

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas

with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

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
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June 23 Monteverdi: Vespro Della Beata Vergine

(Vespers of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Emma Walsh (soprano) Augusta Hebbert (soprano) Simon Wall (tenor) Guy Cutting (tenor) Ruairi Bowen (tenor) James Arthur (bass Jonathan Brown (bass)

Performed in Gloucester Cathedral with The Musical and Amicable Society and Quintessential Sackbut and Cornett Ensemble Conducted by Adrian Lucas

Nov 10 Spectacular Classics in Symphony Hall

David Butt Philip (tenor) Grant Doyle (baritone)

With the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra conducted by Anthony Inglis in Symphony Hall A Raymond Gubbay promotion with lasers and pyrotechnics

Nov 25 Elgar: The Dream of Gerontius

Kathryn Rudge (soprano) David Butt Philip (tenor) Morgan Pearse (bass)

With the Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra conducted
by Adrian Lucas in Birmingham Town Hall

Dec 7 Handel: Messiah

Julia Doyle Anna Huntley Gwilym Bowen Andrew Greenan
Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas
with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

Dec 21 Christmas Classics

William Dazeley (baritone)

A concert of Carols and Christmas music for the Choir, audience and soloists with the London Concert Orchestra A Raymond Gubbay promotion Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas

April 6 Bach: St John Passion

Bradley Smith (Evangelist / tenor) Richard Latham (Christus / bass)

Anna Dennis (soprano) Owen Willetts (alto) Mark Dobell (tenor)

James Arthur (bass) Martin Perkins (continuo)

Performed in Tewkesbury Abbey with the Westminster Chamber

Orchestra

Conducted by Adrian Lucas

May 10 Glinka: Overture, Ruslan and Lyudmila Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto No.2

Federico Colli (piano)

Carl Orff: Carmina Burana

Ailish Tynan (soprano) Anthony Gregory (tenor) Nicholas Lester (baritone)

The choir combined with the London Philharmonic Choir and Trinity

Boys Choir to perform Carmina Burana

Performed with the Philharmonia Orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall in

London conducted by Andrew Nethsinga

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Nov 09 Spectacular Classics in Symphony Hall

Lauren Fagan (soprano) Timothy Richards (tenor)

With the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra conducted

by Anthony Inglis in Symphony Hall

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Nov 17 Will Todd: Mass in Blue

Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (soprano)

Performed in the Elgar Hall, Bramall Music Building at the University of Birmingham accompanied by the 'Call Me Al' Quintet Also including Lichfield Cathedral Young Voices

and the Leek Young Phoenix Singers

Conducted by Adrian Lucas

Dec 6 Handel: Messiah

Sarah Fox Susanna Spicer Ben Thapa Jolyon Loy

Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

Dec 21 Christmas Cracker

Aled Jones (presenter) Jennifer France (soprano) Kyven Tan (treble)

A concert of Carols and Christmas music for the Choir, audience and soloists with the London Concert Orchestra Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas A Raymond Gubbay promotion

Dec 30 Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 5 'Emperor' Symphony No. 9 'Choral'

Daniel Lebhardt (piano) Laura Hagan (soprano) Kathryn Rudge (mezzo soprano) Oliver Johnston (tenor) Morgan Pearse (bass)

With the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in Symphony Hall conducted by Oliver Gooch

The Choir joined with the Birmingham Choral Union for this concert A Raymond Gubbay promotion

March 14 Wagner: Prelude to Act III Lohengrin Saint-Saëns: Symphony No 3 'Organ'

Carl Orff: Carmina Burana

Ailish Tynan (Soprano) Oliver Johnston (Tenor) William Dazeley (Baritone)

Winchester College Quiristers children's chorus

Performed in Symphony Hall with the London Concert Orchestra

Conducted by Adrian Lucas

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All other live concerts in 2020 were cancelled due to the Covid 19 outbreak

These were to have been -

April Concert tour to Prague

To have included a performance of Handel: Messiah

May 'Faire is the Heaven'

Concert in the Elgar Concert Hall at Birmingham University

Dec 4 Haydn at Home - launched on U-tube

Hannah Grove (soprano)

Excerpts from the Nelson Mass (Missa in Angustiis)
The Choir was prepared on-line by Adrian Lucas who compiled
contributions submitted by Choir members and members of the
Westminster Chamber Orchestra - leader: Peter Davis

A Keep Singing Project during lockdown

Dec 19 Carols for a lockdown Christmas - launched on U-tube

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Nov 10 Vaughan Williams: In Windsor Forest Vaughan Williams: Serenade to Music

Launched on line for Choir members
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contributions submitted by Choir members and members of the
Westminster Chamber Orchestra - leader: Peter Davis
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Live rehearsals started again in the Autumn of 2021

Nov 13 Spectacular Classics in Symphony Hall

Robyn Lyn Evans (tenor) Grant Doyle (baritone) Thomas Gould (violin)

With the London Concert Orchestra conducted

by Anthony Inglis in Symphony Hall

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Nov 28 Handel: Messiah - The Inside View

Claire Lees (soprano) Nicholas Mulroy (tenor) Christopher Allsop (organ) Martin Perkins (harpsichord)

Performed in Birmingham Town Hall with the Westminster Chamber Orchestra - leader: Peter davies A specially created family event prepared to appeal to young people and those unfamiliar with classical concerts The work was introduced by Adrian Lucas and was filmed and recorded for educational use This date is exactly 100 years since the Choir gave its very first concert which was in this same hall

Dec 10 Handel: Messiah

Lucy Bowen Catherine King Bradley Smith James Cleverton
Concert in Symphony Hall conducted by Adrian Lucas
with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

Dec 12 Grand Christmas Classics

Alan Titchmarsh (presenter) Jennifer France (soprano) Quiristers of Winchester College Children's Choir

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