

Worcester Festival Choral Society

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2021

- 07 December** **Handel: *Messiah***
Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia
Conductor: Samuel Hudson
Soloists:
Soprano: Brittany King
Mezzo Soprano: Kate Symmonds-Joy
Tenor: Daniel Joy
Bass-Baritone: James Birchall
- 17 November** **Faure: *Requiem*** **CANCELLED by Storm Damage to Cathedral**
Faure: *Cantique de Jean Racine*
Mozart: *Solemn Vespers*
Mozart: *Overture Magic Flute*
Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia
Conductor: Samuel Hudson
Soloist:
Soprano: Emelia Morton
Mezzo Soprano: Cathy Bell
Tenor: Frederick Jones
Baritone: Julien Van Mellaerts
- 20 March** **Bach: *St John Passion*** **CANCELLED because of Covid**

2020

- 28 November** **Handel: *Messiah*** **CANCELLED because of Covid**
- 14 November** **Elgar: *The Dream of Gerontius*** **CANCELLED because of Covid**
- 21 March** **Vaughan Williams: *A Sea Symphony*** **CANCELLED because of Covid**
Britten: *Four Sea Interludes*
Mendelssohn: *Hebrides Overture*
Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia
Conductor: Sam Hudson
Soloists:
Soprano: Sarah Fox
Baritone: Julien Van Mellaerts

2019

- 07 December** **Handel: *Messiah***
Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia

Conductor: Samuel Hudson
Soloists:
Soprano: Susanna Fairbairn
Mezzo Soprano: Joyce Tindsley
Tenor: Nick Pritchard
Baritone: James Cleverton

16 November **Mozart: *Requiem***
Jonathan Willcocks: *Lux Perpetua*
Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia
Conductor: Samuel Hudson
Soloist:
Soprano: Alexandra Kidgell
Mezzo Soprano: Jennifer Westwood
Tenor: Tom Robson
Baritone: David Shipley

23 March **Mendelssohn: *Elijah***
Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia
Conductor: Christopher Allsop
Soloists:
Soprano: Susanna Andersson
Mezzo-Soprano: Catherine Carby
Tenor: Ruairi Bowen
Bass: Edward Seymour
Chorister Soloist: Worcester Cathedral chorister Sam Perkins

2018

08 December **Handel: *Messiah***
Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia (period instrument orchestra)
Conductor: Christopher Allsop
Soloists:
Soprano: Hannah Grove
Contralto: Kate Symonda-Joy
Tenor: Ben Thapa
Bass: James Cleverton

17 November **Poulenc: *Gloria***
Vaughan Williams: *Hodie*
Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia
Conductor: Christopher Allsop
Worcester Cathedral Boy Choristers
Soloist:
Soprano: Susanna Fairbairn
Tenor: Tom Robson
Baritone: Alex Ashworth

17 March **Haydn: *The Creation***
Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia
Conductor: Christopher Allsop
Soloists:
Soprano: Sarah Fox

Tenor: John Bowen
Bass Edward Seymour

2017

- 09 December** **Handel: *Messiah***
Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia (period instrument orchestra)
Conductor: Peter Nardone
Soloists:
Soprano: Mary Walker
Countertenor: Tim Morgan
Tenor: Hugo Hymas
Baritone: Benjamin Beurklian-Carter
- 18 November** **Jonathan Dove: *For an Unknown Soldier***
Durufle: *Requiem*
Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia
Conductor: Peter Nardone
Worcester Cathedral Boy and Girl Choristers
Soloist:
Tenor: Tom Robson
- 25 March** **Brahms: *Ein Deutes Requiem***
Dvorak: *Slavonic Dances*
Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia
Conductor: Peter Nardone
Soloists:
Soprano: Helen Neeves
Baritone: Andrew Davies

2016

- 10 December** **Handel: *Messiah***
Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia (period instrument orchestra)
Conductor: Peter Nardone
Soloists:
Soprano:
Mezo-Soprano Clare McCaldin
Tenor: Nathan Vale
Baritone: Quintin Hayes
- 10 November** **Haydon: *Nelson Mass***
Lauridsen: *Lux Aeterna*
Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia
Conductor: Peter Nardone
Soloists:
Soprano: Sarah Fox
Mezzo-soprano: Susanna Spicer
Tenor: Ruairi Bowen
Baritone: Andrew De Silva
- 12 March** **Vaughan Williams: *Dona Nobis Pacem***

Dvorak: *Te Deum*
Brahms: *Alto Rhapsody*
Borodin: *Polovtsian Dances*
Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia
Conductor: Peter Nardone
Soloists:
Soprano: Katherine Crompton
Mezzo-soprano: Deborah Miles-Johnson
Bass: Timothy Dickinson

2015

12 December **Handel: *Messiah***
Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia (period instrument orchestra)
Conductor: Peter Nardone
Soloists:
Soprano: Hannah Grove
Countertenor: Stephen Carter
Tenor: Roy Rashbrook
Baritone: Robert Rice

14 November **Elgar: *The Music Makers***
Stanford: *The Revenge*
Shamus O'Brien Overture
Justorum Animae
Mezzo Soprano: Yvonne Howard
Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia
Conductor: Peter Nardone

21 March **Bach: *Mass in B Minor***
Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia (period instrument orchestra)
Conductor: Peter Nardone
Soloists:
Soprano: Julie Cooper
Soprano: Helen Parker
Countertenor: William Purefoy
Tenor: Tom Robson
Bass: Colin Campbell

2014

6 December **Handel: *Messiah***
Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia (period instrument orchestra)
Conductor: Peter Nardone
Soloists:
Soprano: Janet Coxwell
Mezzo Soprano: Claire McCaldin
Tenor: Natham Vale
Bass: Stuart Young

15 November **Jonathan Dove: *There was a Child***
Fauré: *Requiem*
Soprano: Lorna Anderson

Tenor: Nicolas Mulroy
Baritone: Lawrence Wallington
Choristers of Worcester Cathedral Choirs
Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia
Conductor: Peter Nardone

29 March

Verdi: *Requiem*

Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia (full symphony orchestra)
Conductor: Peter Nardone
Soloists:
Soprano: Ruth Holton
Mezzo-Soprano: Zarah Hible
Tenor: Daniel Joy
Bass: Robert Rice

2013

7 December

Handel: *Messiah*

Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia (period instrument orchestra)
Conductor: Peter Nardone
Soloists:
Soprano: Sarah Fox
Contralto: Hilary Summers
Tenor: Richard Rowntree
Bass: James Birchall

23 November

Autumn Concert

Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia
Conductor: Peter Nardone
Soloists:
Tenor: Saint Nicolas Tom Raskin
Soprano: Hannah Grace
Mezzo-soprano: Zarah Hible
Bass: Edward Seymour
Pergolesi - *Magnificat*
Respighi - *Laud to the Nativity*
Britten - *St Nicolas*

23 March

A Pageant of English Music

Orchestra: Chameleon Arts Orchestra
Conductor: Peter Nardone
Soloists:
Soprano: Claire Seaton
Mezzo-soprano: Susanna Spicer
Tenor: Robert Anthony Gardiner
Bass-Baritone: Christopher Foster
Parry - *I Was Glad*
Walton - *Coronation Te Deum*
Ireland - *Greater Love*
Parry - *Blest Pair of Sirens*
Ireland - *Downland Suite* (Orchestral)
Elgar - *Coronation Ode*
Britten - *National Anthem*

2012

- 08 December** **Handel** **Messiah**
Orchestra: Queen's Park Sinfonia
Harpichordist continuo: Simon Bell
Conductor: Christopher Allsop
Soloists:
Soprano: Robyn Allegra Parton
Mezzo: Clare Presland
Tenor Nick Scott
Bass Bozidar Smiljanic
- 24 November** **Mozart** **Requiem**
 Haydn **Theresienmesse**
Orchestra: Westminster Chamber Orchestra
Conductor: Christopher Allsop
Soloists:
Soprano: Katie Trethewey
Mezzo Soprano Claire McCaldin
Tenor: Nicholas Sharratt
Bass: Julian Empett
- 24 March** **Bach** **St John Passion**
Orchestra: Westminster Chamber Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Evangelist (Tenor): Nicholas Mulroy
 Christus (Baritone): Peter Savidge
 Soprano Julie Cooper
 Mezzo: Kate Symonds-Joy
 Tenor: Nicholas Sharratt
 Bass Baritone: Robert Rice

2011

- 10 December** **Handel** **Messiah**
Orchestra: Queen's Park Sinfonia
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano Alison Rose
 Alto: Sarah Shorter
 Tenor: Oliver Johnson
 Bass: Frederick Long
- 19 November** **WFCS 150th Anniversary Gala Concert**

Elgar **The Dream of Gerontius**
Orchestra: Chameleon Arts Orchestra

Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Mezzo-Soprano: Catherine King,
Tenor: Adrian Thompson
Bass-Baritone: Darren Jeffery

2 April **Walton** **Belshazzar's Feast**
Elgar **Sea Pictures**
 Pomp & Circumstance March, No 5
Stanford **Songs of the Fleet**
Orchestra: Chameleon Arts Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Mezzo Soprano: Catherine King
Baritone: William Clements

2010

11 December **Handel** **Messiah**
Orchestra: Queen's Park Sinfonia
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Ruth Jenkins
 Alto: Kate Symonds-Joy
 Tenor: Sam Furness
 Bass: Frederick Long

20 November **Mozart** **Great Mass in C Minor**
Mendelssohn **Psalm 95 'Come let us sing'**
Orchestra: Queen's Park Sinfonia
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Elizabeth Atherton
 Soprano: Julie Cooper
 Tenor: Simon Wall
 Bass Baritone: Jonathan Saunders

20 March **Vaughan Williams** **A Sea Symphony**
Strauss **Four Last Songs**
Orchestra: Chameleon Arts Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Naomi Harvey
 Baritone: Paul Cary-Jones

2009

- 12 December** **Handel** **Messiah**
Orchestra: Queen's Park Sinfonia
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Laura Mitchell
 Alto : Kate Symonds-Joy
 Tenor: Peter Davoren
 Bass: Thomas Faulkner
- 14 November** **Scarlatti** **St Cecilia Mass**
Durufé **Requiem**
Orchestra: Westminster Chamber Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Lucy Bowen
 Soprano: Hannah Grove Atherton
 Alto : Stephen Shellard
 Tenor: David Barclay
 Bass: Tom Hunt
- 28 March** **Brahms** **Ein Deutsches Requiem**
Orchestra: ESO
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Alwyn Mellor
 Baritone: Jonathan Gunthorpe

2008

- 6 December** **Handel** **Messiah**
Orchestra: Westminster Chamber Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Lisa Wilson
 Mezzo: Catherine King
 Tenor: Thomas Herford
 Bass: Matthew Sprange
- 22 November** **Haydn** **Stabat Mater**
Mozart **Litaniae Lauretanae K195**
Orchestra: Queen's Park Sinfonia
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Paula Greenwood
 Mezzo: Harriet Goodwin
 Tenor: Simon Wall
 Baritone: Alexander Robin Baker
- 15 March** **Orff** **Carmina Burana**
Walton **Prelude for Orchestra 'Granada'**
Vaughan Williams **Five Mystical Songs**
Orchestra: Westminster Chamber Orchestra
Conductor: Christopher Allsop
Soloists: Soprano: Lisa Wilson
 Tenor: Michael Bracegirdle
 Baritone: Mark Evans
 Worcester Cathedral Choristers
 Voluntary Choir Choristers

2007

8 December **Handel** **Messiah**
Orchestra: Westminster Chamber Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Lisa Wilson
 Mezzo: Rowan Hellier
 Tenor: Simon Wall
 Bass: Jonathan Saunders

24 November **Beethoven** **Mass in C**
 Faure **Requiem**
 Faure **Pavane**
Orchestra: Westminster Chamber Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Mezzo: Claire-Louise Lucas
 Alto: Elinor Carter
 Tenor: Simon Wall
 Baritone: William Coleman

24 March **Verdi** **Requiem**
Orchestra: Chameleon Arts Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Naomi Harvey
 Mezzo: Catherine King
 Tenor: Sean Ruane
 Bass: William Clements

2006

9 December **Handel** **Messiah**
Orchestra: Westminster Chamber Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Rebecca Outram
 Mezzo: Lucy Ballard
 Tenor: Thomas Walker
 Bass: James Harrison

25 November **'Pomp and Ceremony'**
A Celebratory Evening of Brass and Song
Gabrieli **Jubilate Deo**
Jongen **Sonata Eroica**
Elgar **O Harken Thou**
Venables **Awake, Awake, The World is Young**
Walton **Coronation Te Deum**
Walton **Suite from Henry V**
Elgar **Pomp and Circumstance March No 5**
Vaughan Williams **O, Clap your Hands**
Orchestra: Fine Arts Brass

Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Mezzo: Elinor Carter

1st April

Elgar **The Kingdom**
Orchestra: Orchestra of St John's
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Claire Prewer
Mezzo: Catherine King
Tenor: William Kendall
Bass: William Clements

2005

3 December

Handel **Messiah**
Orchestra: Westminster Chamber Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Elizabeth MacDonald
Alto: Stephen Shellard
Tenor: James Manship
Bass: James Birchall

12 November

Mozart **Credo Mass**
Boyce **Symphony No 7**
Handel **Ode on St Cecilia's Day**
Orchestra: Orchestra da Camera
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Anne Todd Howarth
Alto: Harriet Goodwin
Tenor: Peter Bates
Bass: Tom Hunt

12 March

'A Night at the Opera'
Choruses and Arias from:
Beethoven **Fidelio**
Tchaikovsky **Eugene Onegin**
Borodin **Prince Igor**
Verdi **Aida**
Verdi **Nabucco**
Wagner **Die Meistersinger**
Orchestra: London Gala Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Naomi Harvey
Baritone: David Crown
Bass: John Bowley
Soprano: Lynne Lindner

2004

3 December

Handel **Messiah**

Orchestra: OSJ (formerly Orchestra of St John's)
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Sarah Sedgwick
Alto: Alexandra Sherman
Tenor: Rupert Jennings
Bass: Robert Rice
Organ: Daniel Phillips

2002

- 7 December** **Handel** **Messiah**
Orchestra: Westminster Chamber Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Claire Prewer
Alto: Elinor Carter
Tenor: James Manship
Bass: William Clements
- 16 November** **Lambert** **The Rio Grande**
Peeters **Concerto for Organ and Piano**
Fanshawe **African Sanctus**
Orchestra: World Music Ensemble
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Claire Prewer
Alto: Elinor Carter
Piano: Tom Winpenny
Organ: Daniel Phillips
- 9 March** **Elgar** **The Dream of Gerontius**
Orchestra: Philharmonia Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Mezzo: Catherine Wyn-Rogers
Tenor: William Kendall
Bass: Peter Savidge
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2001

- 8 December** **Handel** **Messiah**
Orchestra: Westminster Chamber Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Lianne-Marie Skrinari
Alto: Richard Poyser
Tenor: John Bowley
Bass: Christopher Dixon
- 17 November** **Walton** **The Twelve**
Saint-Saens **Symphony No 3 (Organ)**

Walton **Belshazzar's Feast**
Orchestra: Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Baritone: Stephen Gould
Organ: Daniel Phillips

24 March **Finzi** **For St Cecilia**
Finzi **Dies Natalis**
Vaughan Williams **Dona Nobis Pacem**
Orchestra: English Chamber Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Tenor: Alastair Thompson
Bass: James Mustard
Worcester Cathedral Choristers

2000

9 December **Handel** **Messiah**
Orchestra: Westminster Chamber Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Katherine Fuge
Alto: Emily Bauer-Jones
Tenor: Andrew Carwood
Bass: William Clements

18 November **Handel** **The King Shall Rejoice**
Bach **Magnificat**
Bach **Jauchzet Gott**
Handel **Dettingen Te Deum**
Orchestra: Westminster Chamber Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Elizabeth Atherton
Soprano: Jenevora Williams
Alto: Stephen Shellard
Tenor: Simon Wall
Bass: Ian Bell

1 April **Haydn** **Creation**
Orchestra: Westminster Chamber Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Philippa Hyde
Tenor: Mark Anderson
Bass: William Clements

1999

4 December **Handel** **Messiah**
Orchestra: Westminster Chamber Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Anne Todd Howarth
 Alto: Sally Bruce-Payne
 Tenor: Matthew Beale
 Bass: Robert Rice

20 November **Sir David Willcocks' 80th Birthday Celebration**
J. Willcocks **Sing Praises**
Elgar **Sea Pictures**
Elgar **The Music Makers**
Orchestra: English Symphony Orchestra
Conductors: Sir David Willcocks
 Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Mezzo: Catherine Wyn-Rogers

20 March **Holst** **Hymn of Jesus**
Elgar **Serenade for Strings**
Britten **St Nicolas**
Orchestra: English String Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloist: Tenor: Andrew Burton
Worcester Cathedral Choristers
Worcester Festival Youth Chorus

1998

- 5 December** **Handel** **Messiah**
Orchestra: Westminster Chamber Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Elizabeth Atherton
 Counter Tenor: James Huw Jeffries
 Tenor: Simon Wall
 Bass: Daniel Jordan
- 14 November** **Verdi** **Requiem**
With Portsmouth Choral Union
Orchestra: Southern Pro Musica
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Bethan Dudley
 Mezzo: Emily Bauer-Jones
 Tenor: Anthony Mee
 Bass: Roderick Williams
- 21 March** **Bach** **St John Passion**
Orchestra: Westminster Chamber Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Tenor: Robert Johnston
 Bass: Charles Pott
 Bass: Tom Hunt
 Tenor: Paul Badley
 Mezzo: Sophie Daneman
 Soprano: Catherine King
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1997

- 6 December** **Handel** **Messiah**
Orchestra: Orchestra Da Camera
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Susan Black
 Mezzo: Catherine King
 Tenor: Alastair Thompson
 Bass: Alan Fairs
- 22 November** **Mozart** **Mass in C Minor**
Mozart **Overture, The Marriage of Figaro**
Taverner **The Protecting Veil**
Orchestra: Bournemouth Sinfonietta
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Phillipa Hyde
 Soprano: Jenevora Williams
 Tenor: Lynton Atkinson
 Bass: Ian Bell

8 March **Hemingway** **The Promise (First Performance)**
Schubert **Symphony No 8 'Unfinished'**
Brahms **A German Requiem**
Orchestra: London Gala Orchestra
Conductor: Donald Hunt
Soloists: Soprano: Merril Jenkins
 Bass: Tom Hunt

1996

7 December **Handel** **Messiah**
Orchestra:
Conductor: Donald Hunt
Soloists: Soprano: Susan Black
 Mezzo: Catherine King
 Tenor: Alastair Thompson
 Bass: Alan Fairs

16 November **Bruckner** **Overture in G Minor**
Verdi **Four Sacred Pieces**
Walton **Belshazzar's Feast**
Orchestra: Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra
Conductor: Donald Hunt
Soloists: Bass: Alan Fairs

16 March **Beethoven** **Missa Solemnis**
Orchestra: Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra
Conductor: Donald Hunt
Soloists: Soprano: Alison Pearce
 Mezzo: Vanessa Williamson
 Tenor: John Mitchinson
 Bass: Laurence Albert

1995

25 March **Bach** **Mass in B Minor**

3 June **Elgar** **Severn Suite**
Triumphal March from Caractacus
Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1
Wand of Youth suite No. 1 from Bavarian Highlands

14 October **Atkins** **Hymn of Faith**
Julius Harrison **Worcestershire Suite**
Hunt **A Song of Celebration (first performance)**
Elgar **The Music Makers**

9 December **Handel** **Messiah**

16 December 'Joy to the World' – A concert of Christmas Music

1994

26 March Elgar The Dream of Gerontius

19 November Bizet Te Deum
Fauré Pavane
Franck Psaume 150
Berlioz Messe Solennelle

7 December Handel Messiah

17 December 'Joy to the World' – A concert of Christmas Music

1993

10 March Vaughan Williams Five Mystical Songs
Serenade to Music (orchestral version)
Fauré Requiem
Conductor: Sir David Wilcocks
J Willcocks Voices of Time
Conductor: J Wilcocks

27 March Williamson Procession of Psalms
Dupré Passion Symphony
Stainer The Crucifixion

6 November Mendelsshon Elijah

4 December Handel Messiah

18 December 'Joy to the World' – A concert of Christmas Music

1992

11 April Honneger King David

17 October	Elgar	The Kingdom
5 December	Handel	Messiah
19 December	Celebration for Christmas	

1991

26 January	Handel	Messiah
16 March	Sullivan Coleridge-Taylor Elgar	Overture 'di Ballo' Hiawatha's Wedding Feast Cello Concerto
22 June	A 'Sounding Brass and voices' concert Allen Bernstein Strauss Lloyd Brahe Adams Nilson Rogers/Hammerstein Sullivan Lloyd Handel Parry	March: Knight Templar Overture 'Candide' Tales from the Vienna Woods English Heritage Bless this house The Holy City Circius, Wind of the North Selections from The King & I The Lost Chord Royal Parks Hallelujah Chorus Jerusalem
16 November	Mendelssohn Stanford Vaughan Williams	Overture 'The Hebrides' Songs of the Fleet Sea Symphony
7 December	Handel	Messiah

1990

24 March	Bach	St Matthew Passion
17 November	Borodin Orff	Overture and Polovtsian Dances - Prince Igor Carmina Burana