

Worcester Festival Choral Society

Archive of Previous Concerts (1990 onwards)

2023

- 9 December** **Handel: Messiah (By Candlelight)**
Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia
Conductor: Samuel Hudson
Soloists:
Soprano: Emilia Morton
Countertenor: Tom Lilburn
Tenor: Matthew Minter
Bass Baritone: James Oldfield
- 25 November** **Brahms: Ein Deutsches Requiem**
 Wagner: Siegfried Idyll
Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia
Conductor: Samuel Hudson
Soloists:
Soprano: Rebecca Hardwick
Baritone: Julien Van Mellaerts
- 18 March** **Elgar: The Dream of Gerontius**
Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia
Conductor: Samuel Hudson
Soloists:
Mezzo Soprano: Marta Fontanals-Simmonds
Tenor: Mark Wilde
Baritone: Andrew Slater (replacing Njabulo Madlala)

2022

- 10 December** **Handel: Messiah (By Candlelight)**
Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia
Conductor: Samuel Hudson
Soloists:
Soprano: Natalie Montakhab
Mezzo Soprano: Sarah Denbee
Tenor: Tom Robson
Bass Baritone: Edward Grint
- 26 November** **Vaughan Williams: A Sea Symphony**
 Delius: Sea Drift
Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia
Conductor: Samuel Hudson
Soloists:
Soprano: Sarah
Baritone: Andrew Mayer
- 19 March** **Bach: St John Passion**
Orchestra: Meridian Sinfonia
Conductor: Samuel Hudson
Soloists:
Nicholas Mulroy Tenor (Evangelist)
James Newby Bass-Baritone (Christus)
John Savournin Bass-Baritone (Pilatus)
Angela Hicks Soprano
James Laing Countertenor
Alessandro Fisher Tenor

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 because of 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 Deutches 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:
Mezzo-Soprano Clare McCaldin
Tenor: Nathan Vale
Baritone: Quintin Hayes

10 November **Haydn: 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

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 Hearken 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: Westminster Chamber Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Eleanor Doodey
 Alto: Harriet Goodwin
 Tenor: William Theunissen
 Bass: Jonathan Saunders

13 November **'A Requiem for War'**
 Reflections on War and Reconciliation
 Poetry of Wilfred Owen and other writers
 Britten **War Requiem**
With City of Birmingham Choral Society
(Performed at Symphony Hall, Birmingham)
Orchestra: City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Julie Cooper
 Tenor: James Gilchrist
 Baritone: Peter Savidge
 Choristers of Worcester Cathedral

27 March **'Creation'** **Capriol Suite**
 Warlock **Creation Canticles (World Premiere)**
 Lucas **Requiem**
 Rutter **Requiem**
Orchestra: Westminster Chamber Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Ruth Holton

2003

- 8 December** **Handel** **Messiah**
Orchestra: Westminster Chamber Orchestra
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Rachel Nicholls
 Alto: Louise Mott
 Tenor: Ed Lyon
 Bass: Dan Jordan
- 22 November** **Mendelssohn** **Elijah**
Orchestra: Southern Pro Musica
Conductor: Adrian Lucas
Soloists: Soprano: Sue Black
 Alto: Emily Bauer-Jones
 Tenor: Lynton Atkinson
 Bass: Michael Pearce
- 22 March** **Mozart** **Vesperae Solennes de Confessore**
Mozart **Sonata for Organ and Orchestra**
Mozart **Requiem**
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

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

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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 26 March | Elgar | The Dream of Gerontius |
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19 November	Bizet Fauré Franck Berlioz	Te Deum Pavane Psaume 150 Messe Solennelle
7 December	Handel	Messiah
17 December	'Joy to the World' – A concert of Christmas Music	

1993

10 March	Vaughan Williams Fauré Conductor: Sir David Wilcocks J Willcocks Conductor: J Wilcocks	Five Mystical Songs Serenade to Music (orchestral version) Requiem Voices of Time
27 March	Williamson Dupré Stainer	Procession of Psalms Passion Symphony The Crucifixion
6 November	Mendelssohn	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	March: Knight Templar Overture 'Candide' Tales from the Vienna Woods English Heritage Bless this house The Holy City

	Nilson Rogers/Hammerstein Sullivan Lloyd Handel Parry	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