

Midweek Music Autumn 2021

Musical Journeys I

Wednesday 29 September 2021

Wednesdays | 1:15-1:45 | College Chapel | Free Entry

Midweek Music is back! We are delighted to welcome back live audiences to our lunchtime concert series. There will be performances every Wednesday during term-time at 1:15pm. Our concerts can be enjoyed online through our website, and can be watched again through our catch-up page.

Whilst we adjust to having audiences back to these concerts, we ask that you remain distanced by at least 1m at all times. Mask wearing is optional but encouraged.

This week is the first of two concerts where the choir take us on a journey through time and space, taking us across Europe through music from the 16th to the 21st centuries.



William Byrd

Gustav Holst

Sergei Rachmaninov

Vytautas Miškinis



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Audience members are kindly asked to turn their mobile phones or other devices to silent for this performance. Filming is not permitted.

Laudibus in sanctis

William Byrd
(c.1540-1623)

Celebrate the Lord most high in holy praises:
Let the firmament echo the glorious deeds of God.
Sing ye the glorious deeds of God, and with holy voice
Sound forth oft the power of his mighty hand.
Let the warlike trumpet sing the great name of the Lord:
Celebrate the Lord with Pierian lyre.
Let resounding timbrels ring to the praise of the most-high God,
Lofty organs peal to the praise of the holy God.

Him let melodious psalteries sing with fine string,
Him let joyful dance praise with nimble foot.
Let hollow cymbals pour forth divine praises,
Cymbals filled with the sweet-sounding praise of God.
Let everything in the world that feeds upon the air of heaven
Sing alleluia to God for evermore.

Text: Psalm 150 (paraphrase)

Fair Phyllis I saw sitting all alone

John Farmer
(c.1570-1605)

Fair Phyllis I saw sitting all alone
Feeding her flock near to the mountainside.
The shepherds knew not whither she was gone,
But after her lover Amyntas hied.
Up and down he wandered whilst she was missing;
When he found her, O then they fell a kissing.

Text: Anonymous

O Swallow

Gustav Holst
(1874-1934)

O Swallow, Swallow, flying, flying South,
Fly to her, and fall upon her gilded eaves,
And tell her, tell her, what I tell to thee.

O tell her, Swallow, that thy brood is flown:
Say to her, I do but wanton in the South,
But in the North long since my nest is made.

O Swallow, flying from the golden woods,
Fly to her, and pipe and woo her, and make her mine,
And tell her, tell her, that I follow thee.

Text: Alfred, Lord Tennyson

O tell her, Swallow, thou that knowest each,
That bright and fierce and fickle is the South,
And dark and true and tender is the North.

O tell her, brief is life but love is long,
And brief the sun of summer in the North,
And brief the moon of beauty in the South.

Aria

played by George Nicholls

Léonce de Saint-Martin
(1886-1954)

The gift to be simple

Arr. Bob Chilcott
(1955-)

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in a place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bed we shan't be ashamed,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
Till be turning, turning we come 'round right.

Text: Anonymous

Bogoroditse Devo

Sergei Rachmaninov
(1873-1943)

Rejoice, virgin mother of God,
Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb,
for you have borne the Saviour of our souls.

Text: Ave Maria, trans. Barry Johnston

Sacred Love

Georgy Sviridov
(1915-1998)

Thou, O sacred love, from the start art thou persecuted,
watered with blood. Thou O sacred love!

Cantate Domino

Vytautas Miškinis
(1954-)

Sing to the Lord a new song,
Sing and give praise to his name:
for he has done marvellous deeds.
Praise him with the sound of the harp.

Text: Psalm 97

What's coming up for the Choir of Royal Holloway...

Wednesdays, 1:15pm

Midweek Music

The choir's popular lunchtime concert series returns, and runs all term both in person and online. Hear one of the finest university choirs in the UK perform varied programmes with music from the 12th to the 21st centuries in the surroundings of the college's gilded chapel.

Thursdays, 6:15pm

Choral Evensong

Every Thursday during term-time, the choir sing a service of Choral Evensong. This is a service full of beautiful choral and organ music, which is a calming end to the day. This service can be enjoyed live in the chapel, or via our live stream.

December

Handel's *Messiah*

Watch this space for details about performances of Handel's famous oratorio; *Messiah* in London and Bristol this December.

Would you like to join us?

Online open event for prospective choral & organ scholars

After the success of last year, we will be hosting an online taster event for those thinking about choral and organ scholarships at university. This will be available on our website on **Saturday 16th October**. More details and sign-up are available via our website.



For further information, and to purchase tickets and recordings:
www.chapelchoir.co.uk