

LDCS 2021

Winter Programme



“Moving On”

Introduction to Winter Concert programme

With the current COVID-19 pandemic still with us, but potentially easing over the next couple of months, and where the situation is constantly changing, this has given the Committee a number of challenges for a potential concert in November. The Music Selection Committee were also tasked to come up with a music programme. These are the issues that need to be addressed:

1. How many members will re-join us in September?
2. How tentative will our members be to gather in any numbers – even with suitable ventilation and sanitisation?
3. What mood will members be in – what will they want to sing?
4. Are we actually going to be able to sing to a performance standard after 9-12 rehearsals?
5. What Covid restrictions will apply?
6. Where will we sing?
7. How tentative will an audience be to gather in any numbers?
8. What will an audience want to hear?
9. What music is available to us? And
10. What costs are involved?
11. How to create a programme that will resonate with both the choir members and audience alike.

After looking at each of these questions in turn, the Committee are proposing the programme below. This is a programme to take the audience on a journey.

1. The dark days:
 - a. Time to reflect on the whole Covid-19 pandemic.
 - b. Remembering those who succumbed to Covid-19: the many deaths; loss of loved ones - from friends and family to those around the world unknown to us; illness, hardship, loneliness.
 - c. Things we missed during the pandemic.
 - i. Cinema
 - ii. Theatre
 - iii. Big events
 - iv. Family and friends
2. Coming out the other side into the light. Things to look forward to:
 - a. Happiness
 - b. Christmas
3. Moving into the light on the Other Side. – Just sing! *The audience may like to join in the final piece.*

We hope you like our programme and we encourage you to join us and be part of it. Let's get back to what we enjoy doing – singing together as part of a family – Lancaster and District Choral Society.

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The Dark Days

Time to reflect on the whole Covid-19 pandemic.

1. O Magnum Mysterium - Morten Lauridsen 6:55

Remembering those that succumbed to Covid-19.

2. Cantique de Jean Racine - Faure' 4:15
3. Requiem: In Paradisum - Faure' 3:04

Things we missed during the pandemic 2020/21.

Cinema

4. Hallelujah from “Shrek” 3:19

Theatre

1. Empty Chairs at Empty Tables - Les Miserables 2:48
2. Do You Hear the People Sing? - Les Miserables 2:16
3. Phantom of the Opera – Andrew Lloyd Webber 4:18

Big Events

1. Coronation Anthem - Zadok The Priest – Handel 5:16
2. Messiah – “Hallelujah” (Chorus) – Handel 4:26

Family and Friends

3. Wherever You Are – Paul Mealor 2:50
4. I Believe, Ave Maria Quodlibet - Drake, Graham, Shirl, Stillman 2:57

Interval

Moving into the light on the Other Side.

Happiness

5. My Spirit Sang All Day – Finzi 2:18
6. Joy to The World – Lowell Mason – arr. John Rutter 2:14

Christmas

1. The Virgin Mary had a baby boy – arr. Mak Wilberg 3:08
2. Ding Dong Merrily on High – Charles Wood 1:59
3. Good King Wenceslas – Reginald Jacques 2:29
4. Past Three A Clock – Charles Wood 3:10
5. The Shepherds' Farewell - Berlioz 4:04
6. Silent Night – Franz Gruber – arr. Willcocks 3:11

Moving on into the future. – Just sing!

1. How Can I Keep From Singing - Robert Lowry, John Scott 3:33
2. Sing – Gary Barlow & Andrew Lloyd Webber 4:03

1h 13 m approx.

