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*Concert Club*

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Dear Members and Friends,

We hope that you are finding ways to stay positive during these extraordinary times. Perhaps one way is by enjoying listening to the amazing music available both from your own collection and online?

At this time we thought you may be interested in:

- Cancellation Response
- Recommended Recordings
- 75th Season (2020-2021) Concert Dates

### **Cancellation Responses**

Following the cancellation of our last 2 concerts this year we have been heartened by the understanding responses received from artists and agents showing concern and best wishes for our future. Bradford Council, with whom we have a tremendous relationship, have kindly allocated the deposits paid for these 2 concerts against future concerts and you, our loyal members have also expressed kind thoughts such as:

*We will be more enthusiastic than ever on our return – whenever that is!*

*The choice of musicians has been a joy and an eye-opener. All good wishes for the resurrection when normality returns.*

We have also received suggestions about how we might recompense members for the loss of concerts and been asked whether any discount offered could be donated to the club or to organisations that support musicians suffering from the current situation. Over the next few weeks we will be considering how best to treat fairly all members and potentially enable donations.

### **Recommended Recordings**

You can support artists who have had to cancel concerts and discover and enjoy their music at home by purchasing their CDs. This is by far the best way to help independent artists who are usually self-employed and may have few other means of income. Streaming is fine to discover new music but will not help support artists financially. Buying CDs direct from the artist's website will help them most, however many have not set themselves up to do this. An alternative is to support our

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Today, we should have enjoyed the Benjamin Appl and Simon Lepper concert. Raymond Waud has put together the following listening recommendations.

Schubert: Benjamin Appl has made an excellent CD, with Graham Johnson (piano), of Schubert Songs on Wigmore Hall WHLive0082 (full price). From an older generation, Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau and Gerald Moore are wonderful on DGG E474 1732 (medium price).

Mahler: Christian Gerhaher and Gerold Huber include the cycle on an all Mahler Lieder disc-RCA 88697567732 (full price). As a medium price alternative, Janet Baker and Geoffrey Parsons give a Mahler recital 'Songs of my Youth' on Hyperion Helios CDH 55160 (medium price).

Vaughan Williams, etc: Bryn Terfel with Malcolm Martineau give an extremely fine performance on DGG 445 946-2 (full price). Songs by Finzi, Butterworth, and Ireland complete the disc. Roderick Williams and Iain Burnside give an equally impressive performance on Naxos 8.557643 (medium price). The all Vaughan Williams CD includes 'The House of Life' and 'Linden Lea'. Finally, although it appears to have been deleted, but seems to be fairly readily available, a budget 2 CD set from EMI/Warner-5 759262, with various artists, can be firmly recommended.

A further 4 CDs, featuring Benjamin Appl can be strongly recommended, all at full price:-

- J.S.Bach-Arias with Concerto Köln on Sony 19075851622.
- Heimat-Lieder by Schubert, Wolf, Reger, Brahms, etc., with James Baillieu (piano) on Sony 88985393032.
- Brahms (from The Complete Songs Vol.7), with Graham Johnson (piano) on Hyperion CDJ33127.
- Heinrich Heine Lieder, with James Baillieu (piano), on Champs Hill Records CHRCD112.

### **75th Season (2020-2021) Concert Dates**

We still hope for our 75th Season to take place as planned and are pleased to let you know the concert dates for your diary. It promises to be a fantastic celebration of music! All concerts are on a Wednesday and will start at 8pm. The plan is that the October concert will however be preceded by a reception to celebrate the achievement of our 75th birthday.

October 7th 2020	February 10th 2021
November 11th 2020	March 10th 2021
December 9th 2020	April 14th 2021
January 13th 2021	May 12th 2021

We plan a similar email/letter at the time of what should have been the May concert and will include details about the artists and composers featured in each concert.

Hoping you are all staying safe

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