



*Ilkley*  
**Concert Club**

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Dear Members and Friends,

Thank you for your positive responses to our April newsletter. We hope you are all managing to stay well and finding ways to continue enjoying music. This month we thought you may be interested in:

- How we Supported our Artists
- Help the Musicians Collection
- Recommended Recordings
- 75th Season (2020-2021) Concerts

### **How we supported our artists**

The club was very aware of the impact cancelling our final two concerts would have on the artists. We reviewed our finances and made sure we could continue to offer a discount for our members for missing the concerts. In the end we felt able to pay 25% of their fees and any incurred expenses to Benjamin Appl, Simon Lepper and The Brook Street Band. Tatty Theo, for the Band, replied that her members were 'tremendously grateful to receive their share'.

### **Help the Musicians Collection**



Every May the Club has a collection for Help Musicians. Every May the Club has a collection for Help Musicians. This year, due to Coronavirus, we are unable to do this which is why we are asking that, if you still wish to donate, to do so through JustGiving. Please visit this donation page for further details

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/help-musicians-ilkley-concert-club>

This year, probably more than ever before, supporting Help Musicians will make a meaningful difference to the lives of musicians who have had engagements cancelled, losing their source of income. The charity offers a wide spectrum of support, which includes financial help to student, working and retired musicians, health & welfare services and a mental health helpline.

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving – it will never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, it will send your money directly to the charity. So, it's the most efficient way to donate - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

If you do not have internet access or prefer not to make online donations, but still wish to donate to Help Musicians you can do so by making your cheque out to Help Musicians UK and posting to their offices at 7-11 Britannia Street, London, WC1X 9JS. Do include a note letting them know who you are, and that it is a donation from the Ilkley Concert Club May Concert Appeal.

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## Recommended Recordings

For our final concert of the season we would have been enjoying The Brook Street Band, an ensemble of eleven players featuring violin and flute soloists. Raymond Waud has put together the following listening recommendations in connection with it.

Bach - Orchestral Suites: My current favourite is by the Freiburg Baroque Ensemble conducted by Gottfried von der Goltz. The 6 Suites are on a Harmonia Mundi mid-price 2-disc set (HMC 90213/4).

Handel - Sonata a cinque in B flat major: This recommendation on Harmonia Mundi HMU 907415 (full price), with the Academy of Ancient Music under Richard Egarr, may be difficult to obtain at the moment, but a download is available, at medium price, from dealers like Presto Classical.

Geminiani - Concerto Grosso in D major: A superb CD with the title "London Calling" comes from BIS-SACD-1997 (full price). The recording quality is excellent, and the CD is performed by Baroksolisten conducted by Bjarte Eike. Works by Handel, Corelli and Veracini complete the disc.

Handel - Concerto Grosso in D minor: Christopher Hogwood with the Handel & Haydn Society give splendidly vigorous performances on Decca 458 817-2 (2 at medium price).

Muffat - Sonata no. 5 in G major: Armonico Tributo is performed by Ars Antiqua Austria conducted by Gunar Letzbor on Pan Classics PC 10407 (full price).

Bach - Brandenburg Concerto 5: Trevor Pinnock directs superb performances of all 6 with the European Brandenburg Ensemble on Avie AV2119 (2 at medium price).

All the recordings by the Brook Street Band on the Avie label are recommendable, and very well recorded. Three of my favourites are:-

- Handel-Trio Sonatas Op.2. Avie AV2282
- Handel-"Oxford" Water Music, etc. Avie AV0028
- J.S. & C.P.E. Bach-Sonatas for Violin and harpsichord. Avie AV2321.

## 75th Season (2020-2021) Concerts

Set out below are the details of what is planned. However, you can probably envisage that with all the uncertainties surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic the season is unlikely to be as we had hoped. Your committee is considering options in the light of the social distancing measures affecting concerts like our own. We will continue to keep you informed as and when things become clearer.

**7 October 2020**

**PAUL LEWIS**

Beethoven and Schubert

**11 November 2020**

**GOULD PIANO TRIO and ROBERT PLANE**

Messiaen, Mozart & Ravel

**9 December 2020**

**NATALIE CLEIN and KATYA APEKISHEVA**

Clarke, Elias, Bloch, Rachmaninov & Vaughan Williams

**13 January 2021**

**RACHEL PODGER and VOCESS**

*A Guardian Angel*

**10 February 2021**

**CHIAROSCURO**

Haydn, Mendelssohn & Mozart

**10 March 2021**

**BRODSKY QUARTET and LAURA VAN DER HEIJDEN**

Boccherini, Borodin & Schubert

**14 April 2021**

**MICHAEL COLLINS and LONDON WINDS**

Beethoven & Mozart

**12 May 2021**

**NORIKO OGAWA, PETER DONOHOE and O DUO**

Bartok, Bernstein, Milhaud and percussion solos

Hoping you are all staying safe

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PS If you have an email address, would you please let Robert at rdtemplar@btinternet.com know as this will help reduce our admin and costs for future communications.