

A Year in Review

A few highlights from this wonderful year with Chineke!

Fresh Horizons

A new online concert series for Chineke! Chamber Ensemble at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Jan-Apr 2021.



JANUARY



Grant from Garfield Weston Foundation

Our heartfelt thanks to Garfield Weston Foundation for supporting Chineke! through the #WestonCultureFund. We were thrilled to have received this generous grant of £150,000, which enabled us to deliver projects from April onwards.

Thank you!

The African Concert Series 2021



The much acclaimed Chineke! Chamber Ensemble performed a stunning programme of works by composers of African descent: Errollyn Wallen, Coleridge-Taylor Perkinson, Florence B Price, Ignatius Sancho, Matthew Evan Taylor, Joseph Boulogne, Trevor Weston and Valerie Coleman.

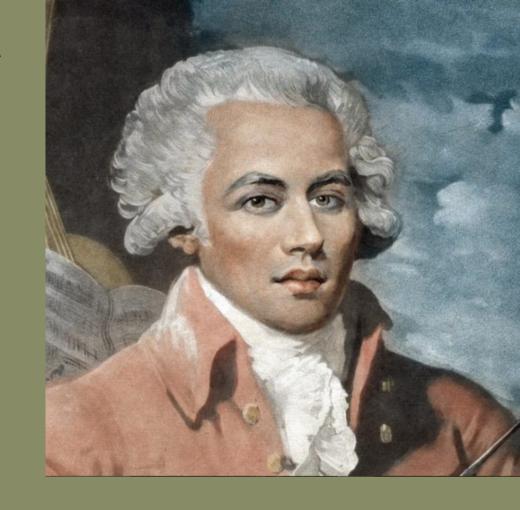
MARCH

BLACK LIVES IN MUSIC

Chineke! Foundation is proud to support this initiative called Black Lives in Music.

Our partnership is part of the effort to combat racism, uniting organisations and musicians to create a truly inclusive and diverse music industry.

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We celebrated the news that the UK music curriculum will now feature greater representation of Black and ethnically diverse composers.

This is teamed with the prospect of a new film slated for next year about the life of the extraordinary violinist and composer Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint-George.



Grant through Culture Recovery Fund

We were thrilled to have received a grant of £150,000 through the Culture Recovery Fund.

After more than a year of having to perform behind closed doors, this grant enabled us to take our first steps out of lockdown.

Thank you Arts Council England Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.

May

St Paul's Cathedral

Composers -

Shirley J. Thompson OBE, Ayanna Witter-Johnson,

Daniel Kidane, Roderick Williams OBE

Conductor-

Matthew Lynch

Performed with-

Rapasa Nyatrapasa Otieno, Renu Hossain, Richard

Olatunde Baker

World Premiere of Songs of the Prophets: A Requiem for the Climate

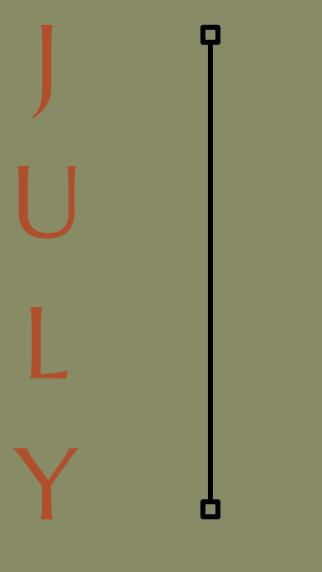


Summer Reunion

Fate Now Conquers-Royal Festival Hall

*Our summer reunion with Sheku Kanneh Mason, Yomi Sode and Kevin John Edusei was everything we hoped for and more!





THANK YOU to everyone who came to Chineke! and the African-American Symphony at Royal Festival Hall, it was a joy to share the works of William Grant Still, Florence B. Price and Grieg with you.

Conductor: Matthew Kofi Waldren Pianist: Amiri Harewood

Chineke! Orchestra and the African-American Symphony at Royal Festival Hall



AUGUST



Relive the moment

BBC PROMS 2021

This BBC Proms concert was the the first in the history of the Proms to feature a programme of all Black composers.

Thank you to Kalena Bovell, Jeneba Kanneh-Mason and the Chineke! orchestra musicians for delivering such a powerful performance!

Chineke!

Junior
Orchestra



Reunion Concert- Royal Festival Hall

August, with Chineke! Juniors soloists, Shona Beecham, Aseye Olympio and Morro Barry. Thank you to conductor Jose Luis Gomez for his work with the Juniors during the week and for the concert.

September

Classic FM Live Royal Albert Hall

What a magical evening! Thank you to Classic FM for inviting us to be part of this spectacular concert. It was wonderful to share the stage with Damon Gupton, Alexandra Dariescu, Camille Berthollet and Julie Berthollet.





Chineke! Founder Chi-chi Nwanoku features in the 2022 Black Powerlist for the fourth consecutive year.

The Powerlist acknowledges the UK-based individuals of African, African Caribbean and African American heritage who are making a significant contribution in their respective industries.

Stories, Sights, Sounds



The Chineke! Juniors worked on a wonderful project in partnership with English Heritage national youth engagement project: Shout Out Loud.

Enjoy the first of three exclusive new compositions for Stories, Sites and Sounds on Google Arts & Culture called "Life of the Munshi", a musical exploration of the life of Queen Victoria's Indian servant Abdul Karim.



Chineke! worked on a fantastic project in partnership with Waltham Forest Music Service and NMC Recordings called Together in Sound.

Queen Elizabeth Hall Concert



Phenomenal Women

A look back at the triumph that was Chineke!'s final concert at
Queen Elizabeth Hall before Christmas.

Phenomenal performances by
Shantanique Moore, Priscilla Rinehart, Monica Ellis, Mariam Adam and
Toyin Spellman-Diaz, plus a fantastic London premiere of
Ayanna Witter-Johnson's Chineke! commission 'Blush'.

Congratulations again to the musicians, and to conductor Leslie Suganandarajah making his UK debut!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!