



CHINEKE!  
FOUNDATION

2021

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



FEBRUARY

# 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



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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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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.





APRIL

# 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

MAY

# 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!☆☆

check it out!



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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.

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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.



# TOGETHER IN SOUND

An hour-long concert celebrating the world premiere of seven new pieces of music, written and performed by students in Waltham Forest and musicians from the Chineke! Orchestra.

Thursday 18 November  
Leyton Great Hall, Adelaide Rd  
E10 5NN



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

# NOVEMBER





# 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 Sukanandarajah making his UK debut!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!