RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS



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'Ralph Vaughan Williams bestrides English music in the 20th century like a colossus. Every aspect of our musical life stands in his shadow.'

TONY PALMER



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The lifelong achievements of Ralph Vaughan Williams reveal a man not of a purely pastoral, bumbling English-ness as he is often perceived, but as a deeply fastidious musician who travelled internationally in pursuit of education and work. Born on 12 October 1872 in The Vicarage, Down Ampney, the young Vaughan Williams had an immediate connection with music; playing violin, viola, piano, organ and even organising concerts at Charterhouse school aged 14.

His musical abilities developed as he pursued further education in a number of institutions, under the tuition of a great many well established composers. In 1890 and 1895 he studied at Royal College of Music where he was taught by Sir Hubert Parry and then Sir Charles Villiers Stanford. Between these occasions Vaughan Williams read history and music at Trinity College, Cambridge where he encountered the composer



Charles Wood. Outside of his formal education, Vaughan Williams actively sought out mentorship from some of his most prolific contemporaries; seeking private lessons from Max Bruch and Maurice Ravel in Berlin and Paris respectively. He later received an Honorary Doctor of Music from Oxford in 1919.

Vaughan Williams' working life was fruitful and expansive, with early ventures as Musical Editor for the English Hymnal in 1904-06, and a post as organist for St. Barnabas, London in 1985. These exposed the self-declared agnostic to the tradition of church music which was to make such an impression on his work. Indeed, just a couple of years later, in 1910, the Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis was written, based on a hymn which was included in English Hymnal. During the start of the First World War, Vaughan Williams' occupation turned to the military and he enlisted with the Royal Army Medical Corps Territorial Force. Despite the rigorous training of the military, Vaughan Williams was able to find the time to continue his musical interests by conducting the military band. After the war, the composer spent the remainder of his career in a plethora of positions: teaching composition at the RCM; conducting at the Leith Hill Musical Festival; as Music Director of the Bach Choir; joint Music Editor of Songs of Praise; joint Editor of Oxford Book of Carols and even spent time lecturing in the United States.

Across these expansive experiences, Vaughan Williams encountered a great number of important artists; he was good friends with Gustav Holst whom he met whilst studying at RCM; Virginia Woolf was the cousin of his first wife, the cellist and pianist Adeline Fisher; he was also close friends with Gerald Finzi and Sir William Walton. The final years of his life were spent at Hanover Terrace, Regents Park, London with the poet and author Ursula Wood, whom he married in 1953. He passed away peacefully on 26 August 1958.

Vaughan Williams' legacy is one of lasting importance. With a large output of nine symphonies, six operas, five concertos and many more orchestral, chamber, choral and vocal works, it is no wonder that Vaughan Williams has made such an impression on musical development in the 20th century. The music of composers such as Gerald Finzi, Robin Milford and Herbert Howells was certainly influenced by Vaughan Williams. In the 21st century, composers have continued to cite Vaughan Williams as having a direct impact on their work; John Adams, whose first orchestral experience was a concert featuring the *Tallis Fantasia*; David Matthews, who has orchestrated and imaginatively reinvented Vaughan Williams' works. The enduring reach of Vaughan Williams' voluptuous textures and grounded spirituality can be felt not just on home soil, but internationally.

February 2020

Abbreviations

VOO	D/V/	INI	\Box

piccolo flute alto flute afl bfl bass flute oboe bob bass oboe са cor analais alto clarine Ebcl clarinet (Eb) clarinet bcl bass clarinet contra bass clarinet cbcl bsn bassoon contra bassoon soprano saxophone asax alto saxophone tenor saxophone tsax

baritone saxophone

bsax BRASS

horn fl.hn flugel horn ptpt piccolo trumpet (Bb) tot trumpet trbn trombone btrbn bass trombone scrt soprano cornet repiano cornet btuba bass tuba euph euphonium baritone bar

PERCUSSION

antique cymbals ant.cym RD bass drum c.bell cow bell cast castanets ch.bl chinese block chic cymbal chic.cym chinese drum chtpl.bl chinese temple block chimes wooden chimes chi ba chime bars crot crotales cyms pair of cymbals gİsp glockenspiel mcas maracas marimba met.bl metal block military glockenspiel mil.glsp riv.cym rivit cymbal side árum siz.cym sizzle cymbal suspended cymbal susp.cym t.bells tubular bells tambour militaire t.mil tabor tab tam tam tam t tamb tambourine tenor drum triangle tgl timb timbales temple blocks tpl.bl vib vibraphone wood block wdbl xylophone xylrim

STRINGS

vln violin vla viola vlc cello db bass

KEYBOARDS

pno piano cel celesta synth synthesizer

OTHERS

gtr guitar bgtr bass guitar

All other instrument names are given in full

OPERA

Hugh the Drover (1910-14/1924/1956)

Romantic Ballad Opera in 2 acts

100 minutes

Text: Harold Child (Eng)

Singers: Hugh the Drover (T); Mary (S); Aunt Jane (C); The Turnkey (T); The Constable (B); John the Butcher

(B-Bar); A Sergeant (high Bar); A Showman (high Bar); A Ballad Seller (T);

SATB Chorus (including various minor roles); non-singing characters

2(I=picc).2.2.2 - 4231 - timp - perc(2): SD/BD/cyms/tgl/bells - harp - strings

On stage: Cornet(=tpt).BD.picc.2 SD(tabor).bugle

Off stage: horn(s).tuba or trbn (ad lib)

FP: 14.7.1924, His Majesty's Theatre, London: British National Opera Company/Malcolm Sargent

Vocal score 0571514081 on sale, full score and parts for hire.

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Jamaica and South Africa. •

ORCHESTRA

Heroic Elegy & Triumphal Epilogue (1901)

for orchestra

19 minutes

Heroic Elegy: 2.2.ca.2.2-4231 - timp - strings

Triumphal Epilogue: 3.2.ca.2.bcl.2.cbsn(ad lib) – 4331– timp(=susp cym) – perc (2) SD.Cym.BD – harp (ad

lib), org (ad lib) – strings

FP of Heroic Elegy: 21.3.1901, Alexandra House, London, UK: Student Orchestra of the Royal College of

Music/Charles Stanford

FP of Heroic Elegy & Triumphal Epilogue: 21.1.1905, UK: Leeds Municipal Orchestra/Ralph Vaughan Williams Full score and parts for hire.

March Past of the Kitchen Utensils (1909)

from the Aristophanic Suite The Wasps

for orchestra

4 minutes

picc. 1.2.2.2 - 2100 - timp - perc(2): BD/cyms/tgl - strings

Reduced orch: picc.1.1.2.1 – 2100 – timp – perc(2): BD/cyms/tgl – strings

FP: 26.11.1909, Cambridge, UK: Students of Cambridge University/Charles Wood

Score 0571567533 (fp) on sale, parts for hire.

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The Wasps (1909)

Performing edition for narrator, male voices and orchestra

Text: Aristophanes, English singing translation & narration by David Poutney (Eng)

1(= picc).1.2.1 - 2100 - timp - perc (2):BD/cym/tgl/tamb - harp - strings

FP: 26.07.2005, (recording session) Albert Hall, Bolton, UK: Henry Goodman/Hallé Choir/Hallé Orchestra/

Vocal score 0571531903 on sale, full score and parts for hire. ⊙

The Wasps Overture (1909)

for orchestra

9 minutes

2(II = picc).2.2.2 - 4200 - timp - perc(2): BD/susp.cym/tgI - harp - strings

Reduced orch: 2(II=picc).1.2.1 - 2100 - timp - perc(2): BD/susp.cym/tgl - harp - strings

FP: 26.11.1909, Cambridge, UK: Students of Cambridge University/Charles Wood

Score and parts for hire.

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The Wasps Suite (1909)

for orchestra

25 minutes

2(II = picc).2.2.2 - 4200 - timp - perc(2): BD/susp.cym/tgI - harp - strings

Reduced orch: 2(II=picc).1.2.1 - 2100 - timp - perc(2): BD/susp.cym/tgl - harp - strings

FP: 23.7.1912, Queen's Hall, London, UK: New Symphony Orchestra/Ralph Vaughan Williams

Score and parts for hire.

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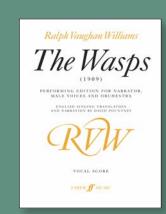
Hugh the Drover

'When Ralph Vaughan Williams wrote the score for Hugh the Drover, he was fresh from a spell of studying with Ravel, and it shows in the richly varied colours of his orchestration. It's not that it sounds like Ravel – the music is far too imbued with English folk melodies and rhythms for there to be any mistake about that – but the enormous number of different orchestral tricks is strongly reminiscent of him: as Vaughan Williams put it, Ravel "showed me how to orchestrate in points of colour rather than in lines".'

Bachtrack (David Karlin),

'The fact that he continued to revise it until 1956, two years before his death, reveals how seriously he took it.'

> Opera (Martin Dreyer), December 2007



Fanstasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis

'When Vaughan Williams conducted the first performance of his Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis for strings in Gloucester Cathedral, at the Three Choirs Festival in September 1910, he unveiled a masterpiece that was to renew an entire musical tradition.'

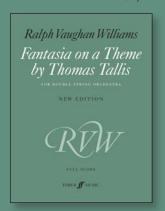
BBC Music Magazine (Malcolm Hayes), December 2010

'The Tallis Fantasia has come to join the crowning glories of English orchestral music. Its innate gravitas has not diminishes its popular appeal'

The Guardian (Rob Young), 12 June 2010

'Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis expresses the mysterious hold the Tudor past continues to have on our imagination.'

BBC Music Magazine (Malcolm Hayes, Stephen Johnson and Michael Kennedy), July 2008



ORCHESTRA (CONT.)

Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis (1910/19)

for double string orchestra

16 minutes

FP: 6.9.1910, Gloucester Cathedral, UK: London Symphony Orchestra/Ralph Vaughan Williams Score 0571531962 on sale, parts for hire. Due to extensive editorial intervention to correct the poorly edited first edition, original-edition parts cannot be used with the new-edition score.

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Pastoral Symphony (Symphony No.3) (1919-21)

for orchestra

35 minutes

3(III=picc).2.ca.3(III=bcl).2-4331-timp-perc(2): tgl/cyms/BD-harp-cel-strings-soprano or tenor voice (ossia cl 1)

FP: 26.1.1922, Queen's Hall, London, UK: Royal Philharmonic Society Orchestra/Flora Mann/Adrian Boult Score 0571537413 on sale, parts for hire. Due to extensive editorial intervention to correct the poorly edited first edition, original-edition parts cannot be used with the new-edition score.

Available from Faber Music in the following territories: UK, Eire, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Israel, Jamaica, Hong Kong and South Africa. ⊙

Old King Cole (1923)

Ballet Suite for orchestra

22 minutes

3 (II = picc). 2.2.2 - 4231 - timp - perc(5): BD/cyms/SD/tgI/glsp - cel - harp - strings - (optional SATB Chorus) - (op

Reduced orch: 2(II=picc).1.2.2 - 2230 - timp - perc(4): BD/cyms/SD/tgl - harp - strings

FP: (full ballet) 5.6.1923, Nevile's Court, Trinity College, Cambridge, UK: English Folk Dance Society/Bernhard Ord

Score and parts for hire.

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SOLOIST(S) AND ORCHESTRA

Three Nocturnes (1908)

for baritone and orchestra

Nos 1 and 3 orchestrated by Anthony Payne (2014)

c.20 minutes

Text: Walt Whitman (Eng)

3.1.ca.2.2 - 4231 - timp - perc(1): BD/cym - harp - strings

FP of No.2 Whispers of Heavenly Death:18.8.2001, Three Choirs Festival, Gloucester Cathedral, UK:

Pamela Helen Stephen/Philharmonia Orchestra/Richard Hickox

FP of full work: 12-13 October 2015, (BBC recording session) Maida Vale, London, UK: Roderick Williams/BBC Symphony Orchestra/Martyn Brabbins

Score 0571539599 on sale, parts for hire. ⊙

Sancta Civitas (1923-25)

Oratorio for tenor, baritone, semi-chorus, SATB chorus and orchestra

30minutes

Text: Revelation of St John (Eng)

3(III=picc).2.ca.2.2.cbsn – 4331 – timp – perc(2):susp.cym/cyms/SD/BD – pno – harp – organ (ad lib) – strings FP: 7.5.26, Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford: Cranmer/Jones/Oxford Bach Choir & Orchestral Society/Hugh Allen Full score 0571522440 and vocal score 0571522459 on sale, parts for hire. Due to extensive editorial intervention to correct the poorly edited first edition, original-edition vocal score and parts cannot be used with the new-edition score.

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Hugh's Song of the Road (1910-14/1924)

from the opera Hugh the Drover

for tenor and orchestra

4 minutes

Text: Harold Child (Eng)

2222 - 4200 - timp - perc(2): SD/tgl - harp - strings

FP: 23.04.1983, St George's Day Concert, BBC Radio 2: BBC Concert Orchestra/Barry Wordsworth

Vocal score 057151703X on sale, full score and parts for hire.

Available from Faber Music in the following territories: UK, Eire, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Israel, Jamaica and South Africa. ①

SOLOIST(S) AND ORCHESTRA (CONT)

Three Choral Hymns (1929)

for baritone or tenor solo, SATB chorus and orchestra (1929)

12 minutes

Text: Myles Coverdale (Eng)

2222 - 4231 - timp - perc(1): cyms - (organ) - (pno) - harp - strings

Reduced orch: 2122 - 2200 - timp - pno - strings

FP: 30.4.1930, Leith Hill Musical Festival, The Drill Hall, Dorking, UK: Glennie/Leith Hill Festival Chorus & Orchestra/Ralph Vaughan Williams

Vocal score 0571514189 on sale, full score and parts for hire.

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version for SATB chorus and organ or piano (1929)

12 minutes

Text: Myles Coverdale (Eng)

Vocal score 0571514189 on sale Available from Faber Music in the following territories: UK, Eire, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Israel, Jamaica and South Africa. ⊙

CHAMBER/INSTRUMENTAL

Quintet in D major (1898)

for clarinet, horn, violin, cello and piano

25 minutes

FP: 5.6.1901, Queen's (small) Hall, London, UK: George A Clinton/Adolph Borsdorf/Jessie Grimson/B P Parker/Llewella Davies

Piano score and parts 0571519830 on sale.

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String Quartet in C minor (1898)

25 minutes

FP: 30.1.1904, Oxford and Cambridge Musical Club, London, UK: performers unknown Score 0571520855 and parts 0571521762 on sale. ⊙

Piano Quintet in C minor (1903)

for violin, viola, cello, double bass and piano

30 minutes

FP: 14.12.1905, Aeolian Hall, London, UK: Louis Zimmerman/Alfred Hobday/Paul Ludwig/Claude Hobday/Richard Epstein

Piano score and parts 0571519539 on sale. ⊙

Nocturne and Scherzo (1906) and Scherzo (1904)

for string quintet

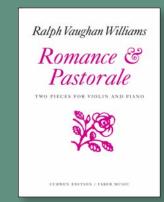
Nocturne and Scherzo: 11 minutes

Scherzo: 6 minutes

FP: 20.2.2001, British Library Conference Centre, London, UK: Royal College of Music Chamber Ensemble Score 0571519938 and set of parts 0571521754 on sale. ⊙



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Pastoral Symphony

'There will always be admirers of Vaughan Williams who find the *Pastoral* the most moving and personal of his works. In its pages, the emotions of war are recollected in tranquility free from complacency.'

The Works of Ralph Vaughan Williams (Michael Kennedy), 1994

'It's really war-time music – a great deal of it incubated when I used to go up night after night with the ambulance waggon at Ecoivres and we went up a steep hill and there was a wonderful Corot-like landscape in the sunset – it's not really lambkins frisking as most people take for granted.'

from a letter to Ursula Vaughan Williams (Ralph Vaughan Williams), 1938

'In its unassertiveness, the Pastoral stands with the Tallis Fantasia, Job and the Fifth Symphony as one of the composer's master-works, and as one of the great symphonies of the twentieth century.'

Vaughan Williams and the Vision of Albion (Wilfred Meller), 1989

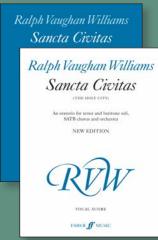
'Despite its serene, idyllic sound, the Third is conceived near the front line while Vaughan Williams is on active service in World War I '

> BBC Music Magazine (Malcolm Hayes, Stephen Johnson and Michael Kennedy), July 2008

Mass in G Minor

'Four voices singing an archetypal "Renaissance church music" phrase on 'Kyrie', entering successively in imitation. The almost total 16th-century feel makes this curiously timeless.

BBC Music Magazine (Rob Ainsley),



Sancta Civitas

'Sancta Civitas is an expertly structured work, illuminated by haunting and successful orchestral writing'

The Guardian (Martin Kettle),

'Sancta Civitas seems to embody all the hopes of the mid-1920s, before the financial crash and the rise of brutal totalitarianism revealed how hollow they were.'

> The Times (Richard Morrison), 3 August 2015

CHAMBER/INSTRUMENTAL (CONT.)

Romance and Pastorale (1923)

two pieces for violin and piano

Romance: 6 minutes Pastorale: 3 minutes

FP: 14.06.2008, "A Weekend with RVW & Friends", Woodhouse Copse, Holmbury St Mary, Surrey, UK: Clare Kennington/Daniel Smith

Piano score and part 0571514324 on sale Available from Faber Music in the following territories: UK, Eire, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Israel, Jamaica and South Africa. ©

Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis (1919)

arranged for two pianos by Maurice Jacobson

FP: 14.06.2008, "A Weekend with RVW & Friends", Woodhouse Copse, Holmbury St Mary, Surrey, UK: Clare Kennington/Daniel Smith

Score 0571560199 (fp) on sale.

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String Quartet in G minor (1909/21)

28 minutes

FP: 15.11.1909, Aeolian Hall, London, UK: Schwiller Quartet

Study score 0571514146 and set of parts 0571514154 on sale

Available from Faber Music in the following territories: UK, Eire, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Israel, Jamaica

CHORAL

Two Partsongs (1895-96)

for SATB choir

Text: William Shakespeare, Ben Johnson (Eng)

Score 0571530362 available for sale.

The Wasps (1909)

Performing edition for narrator, male voices and orchestra see Orchestra

Mass in G minor (1920/21)

for SATB soli and double SATB chorus with optional organ

24 minutes

Text: Liturgical (Lat)

FP: 6.12.1922, Town Hall, Birmingham, UK: City of Birmingham Choir/Joseph Lewis

Score 0571511929 on sale.

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Sancta Civitas (1923-25)

Oratorio for tenor, baritone, semi-chorus, SATB chorus and orchestra see Soloist(s) and Orchestra

Three Choral Hymns (1929)

for baritone or tenor solo, SATB chorus and orchestra see Soloist(s) and Orchestra

Three Nocturnes (1908)

for baritone and orchestra

see Soloist(s) and Orchestra

Merciless Beauty (1921)

Three rondels for high voice and string trio or piano

8 minutes

Text: Chaucer (Eng)

FP: 4.10.1921, Aeolian Hall, London, UK: Steuart Wilson/Dorothy Longman/Kitty Farrer/Valentine Orde Score 0571516017 and parts (fp) 0571553834 on sale.

Available from Faber Music in the following territories: UK, Eire, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Israel, Jamaica and South Africa. •

Hugh's Song of the Road (1910-14/1924)

from the opera Hugh the Drover

see Soloist(s) and Orchestra

BRASS BAND

Tuba Concerto (1954)

arranged for tuba and brass band by Phillip Littlemore (2000)

scrt.4 solo crt.rep crt.2 crt.flhn.3 Eb hn.2 bar.2 trbn.btrn.euph.Eb tuba.BBb tuba - timp - perc(2): tgl/cyms/BD/SD FP: 10.3.2000, Antena 2, Portugal: Harrild/London Symphony Orchestra/Thomson

Score 0571564682 (fp) and score and parts 0571564690 (fp) on sale. ⊙

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS AND DAVID MATTHEWS

An expert in, and enthusiast for, Vaughan Williams' music, David Matthews is the ideal composer to have taken on the challenge of reconstructing the slow movement of a lost cello concerto from just a few sketches. The idea first arose when cellist Stephen Isserlis brought the fragment to Matthews' attention at the British Library. Isserlis and Matthews worked together on recreating the slow central movement of the concerto which culminated in *Dark Pastoral*. The work was premiered at the 2010 BBC Proms and has since been performed a number of times in the UK, Germany and USA, as well as receiving two commercial recordings by soloist Guy Johnston with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra, and Dai Miyata with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchetsra.

Incredibly, the equally engaging Norfolk March was written with only a programme note by W.A. Morgan, and four folksong melodies referenced within it, as inspiration. Matthews followed Morgan's detailed account to revive the work whilst retaining certain artistic freedoms.



Symphony No.6 (2007)

composed by David Matthews, based on the Vaughan Williams hymn tune *Down Ampeney* for orchestra

100 minutes

3 (III=picc+bfl). 2.ca. 3 (II=Ebcl). III=bcl). cbcl. 2-4331-timp-perc(3): vib/mar/crot/tuned bells/bell plate/c.bell/cyms/3 susp.cym(small, medium & large)/ch.cym/small mcas/mcas/clapper/sleighbells/large gourd/tamb/gong/tam-t/snare drum/BD-harp-cel-strings

FP: 1.8.2007, BBC Proms, Royal Albert Hall, London, UK: BBC National Orchestra of Wales/Jac van Steen This work was commissioned by The John S Cohen Foundation to celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2005 Score and parts for hire.

Dark Pastoral (2010)

composed by David Matthews from a fragment by Vaughan Williams

for cello and chamber orchestra (2010)

11 minutes

2.1.ca.2.2 - 2000 - strings

FP: 5.9.2010, BBC Proms, Royal Albert Hall, London, UK: Steven Isserlis/BBC Concert Orchestra/ Paul Daniel

Commissioned by the BBC

Full score and parts for hire, study score, solo part and piano reduction on special sale from the Hire Library.

version for cello and piano (2010)

11 minutes

Score on special sale from the Hire Library.

version for viola and chamber orchestra (2014)

11 minutes

2.1.ca.2.2 - 2000 - strings

Full score and parts for hire.

version for viola and piano (2014)

11 minutes

Score and part on special sale from the Hire Library.

Norfolk March (2016)

composed by David Matthews, with inspiration from Vaughan Williams for orchestra

10 minutes

2(II=picc).2(II=ca).2.2 – 4231 – timp – perc(2): tgl/2 susp.cym (medium, large)/tam-t/SD/BD – harp – strings FP: 27.5.2016, English Music Festival, Dorchester Abbey, Dorchester-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, UK: BBC Concert Orchestra/Martin Yates

Commissioned by the RVW Society with support from the RVW Trust and the John S Cohen Foundation Score on sale (HPOD1035). Score and parts for hire.

Dark Pastoral

'The stand-out music, however, comes in *Dark Pastoral*. This is David Matthews's wonderfully skilled and imaginative, yet always-in-style completion of the slow movement of an unfinished cello concerto...'

BBC Music Magazine (Malcolm Hayes), December 2012

'David Matthews's composition that incorporates Ralph Vaughan Williams's surviving sketches for the second movement of a proposed cello concerto for Pablo Casals was welcome. The opening was pure Vaughan Williams in its use of sonority and for its sustained tension. It transformed seamlessly into Matthews's graceful and lilting melodies and then the different themes counterpointed very persuasively.'

Classical Source (Alexander Campbell), 5 September 2010

Norfolk March

'David Matthews has been able to reimagine the score from a contemporary perspective. Completed in 2016 (the centenary year of the Somme Offensive), the resulting Norfolk March emerges as an altogether more troubled statement [...], the trumpetwriting in its bleak coda consciously recalling RVW's own 'war requiem', A Pastoral Symphony'

Gramophone (Andrew Achenbach), January 2019

'David Matthews' Norfolk March began as an exercise in musical archaeology, an attempt to reconstruct Vaughan Williams' lost Norfolk Rhapsody No 3, using the folk tunes that he is known to have incorporated and following a detailed programme note written for the 1907 premiere.

Matthews' piece begins as totally plausible VW pastiche, but then takes a much darker, more dissonant turn, boiling up into an Ives-like concatenation of ideas before subsiding to an uneasy close.'

The Guardian (Andrew Clements), 30 May 2016



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SELECTED DISCOGRAPHY

Fantasia	on a Theme by Thomas	Tallis; Pastoral
Sympho	ny; The Wasps Overture	
2014	Hallé Orchestra/Mark Elder	Hallé CD HLL 7540

Hugh the Drover
1994 Mary Lewis/Constance Willis/Nellie Walker/Tudor Davies/
Frederick Collier/William Waite/Williams Anderson/Williams

Michael/Malcolm Sargeant

Pearl GEMMCD 9468 Bonaventura Bottone/Rebecca Evans/Richard van Allan/ Alan Opie Sarah Walker/Neil Jenkins/Corydon Singers and Orchestra/Matthew Best Hyperion

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March Past of the Kitchen Utensils

Chair of Warrester Cathedral/Christopher R

Choir of Worcester Cathedral/Christopher Robinson Chandos CHAN 6550 New Philharmonia Orchestra/Adrian Boult

Lyrita SRCD.246

Mass in G Minor

2003

2007

Hyperion CDA67503 2019 Gabrieli Consort and Players/Paul McCreesh

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Merciless Beauty

1993 Philip Langridge/Endellion String Quartet
EMI Classics CDM 7 64730 2
2000 John Mark Ainsley/The Nash Ensemble

Hyperion CDA 67168

Pastoral Symphony

London Symphony Orchestra/Bryden Thomson 1988 Chandos CHAN 8594 1990 London Symphony Orchestra/André Previn RCA Victor Gold Seal GD 90503 1991 New Philharmonic Orchestra/Adrian Boult EMI Classics CDM 7 64018 2 1992 Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra/Vernon Handley EMI Eminence CDEMX 2192 London Symphony Orchestra/Bryden Thomson 1992 Chandos CHAN 9087 1993 Ealing Symphony Orchestra/Gordon Fairbairn

Ealing Symphony Orchestra/Gordon Fairbairn
Ealing SO ESO 301093 (Cassette)

BBC Symphony Orchestra/Adrian Boult

Carlton BBC Classics 15656 91642 2002 London Symphony Orchestra/Richard Hickox

Chandos CHAN 10001
2002 Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra/Vernon Handley
EMI 5757602
2018 Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra/Andrew Manze

Onyx Classics ONYX 4161

Sancta Civitas

2010

1993 Philip Langridge/Bryn/Terfel/Choristers of St Paul's Cathedral/London Symphony Chorus/London Symphony

Orchestra/Richard Hickox EMI Classics

CDC 7 54788 2 Andrew Staples/The Bach Choir/Winchester Cathedral

Choristers/Winchester College Quiristers/Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra/David Hill Naxos 8.572424

String Quartet in G minor

1989 English String Quartet Unicorn Kanchana DKPCD 9076

Three Choral Hymns

2003 Choir of Worcester Cathedral/Christopher Robinson
Chandos CHAN 6550
2008 Corydon Singers/Matthews Best Hyperion CDS44321/4

The Wasps Overture

1986 London Symphony Orchestra/André Previn

RCA Red Seal RD 89826

1995 Academy of St Martin in the Fields/Sir Neville Marriner
Philips 442 427-2

2008 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra/Kees Bakels

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Dark Pastoral

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Martin Yates Dutton Epoch CDLX 7289
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Thomas Dausgaard Nippon Columbia COCQ-85473

Norfolk March

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