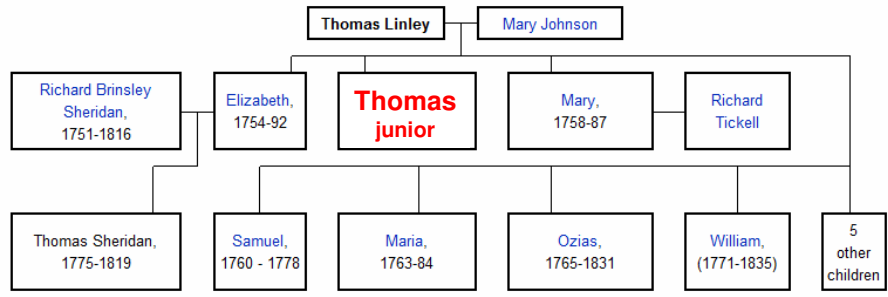


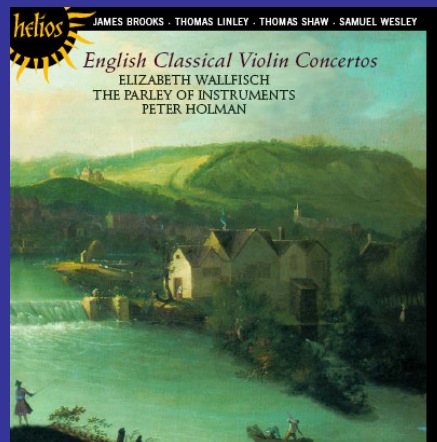
## The Linleys of Bath

Linley family tree



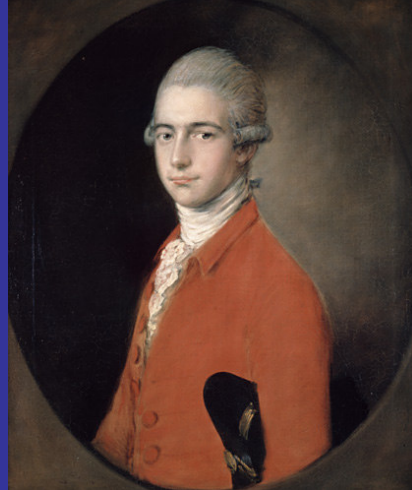
### Thomas Linley (junior): *Violin Concerto in F – 2<sup>nd</sup> movement and excerpt from 3<sup>rd</sup> movement*

- Written in his late teens
- The first movement uses the highest registers of the violin, and includes fearsome passages in thirds, fifths and octaves
- The *Adagio* is in the “Scotch” style that was popular at the time
- The third movement *Rondeau* uses a gavotte rhythm.



**Thomas Linley (junior):**  
*Violin Concerto in F* - excerpts

- ♪ Played violin concertos from the age of 7
- ♪ Took up composing soon afterwards
- ♪ From the age of 12 he studied for three years with Nardini in Florence
- ♪ There he met and befriended Mozart



Thomas Linley by Thomas Gainsborough

**Thomas Linley (junior):**  
*Violin Concerto in F* - excerpts

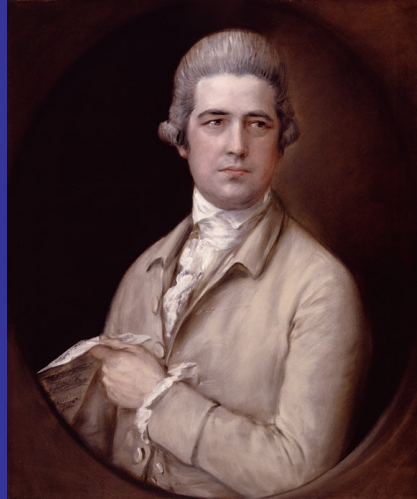
**Linley composed:**

- ♪ More than 20 violin concertos
- ♪ Oratorio: *The Song of Moses*
- ♪ Various Cantatas
- ♪ Anthems, e.g. *Let God Arise*
- ♪ Music for *The Tempest* and for Sheridan's plays (e.g. *The Duenna*)
- ♪ Shakespeare Ode

## The Linleys of Bath

### Thomas Linley (father)

- ♪ Son of a builder and carpenter who moved to Bath to take advantage of the building boom
- ♪ Became a harpsichordist, singing teacher and composer
- ♪ Directed concerts in Bath involving his talented children
- ♪ In 1776 he became manager of the Drury Lane Theatre and the family moved to London.



Thomas Linley by Thomas Gainsborough

## The Linleys of Bath

### Elizabeth

- ♪ Elizabeth was a talented singer and actress
- ♪ Her first performance was at Covent Garden Theatre aged 12, alongside her younger brother
- ♪ She also wrote some of the lyrics for her brother's songs and cantatas
- ♪ She eloped with Richard Brinsley Sheridan in 1772. Her father eventually consented to the marriage.



Miss Linley and her brother Thomas by Gainsborough

## The Linleys of Bath

### Mary and Maria

- ♪ Both talented singers
- ♪ Mary married the playwright Richard Tickell in 1780, after which she no longer performed publicly.



Maria Linley by  
Thomas  
Lawrence



Elizabeth and Mary Linley by  
Thomas Gainsborough

## The Linleys of Bath

### Samuel

- ♪ Sang in his father's concerts and played the oboe
- ♪ In 1778 he became a midshipman on HMS Thunderer



Samuel Linley by  
Gainsborough

### Ozias

- ♪ Graduated at Corpus Christi College Oxford
- ♪ Junior Fellow and Organist at Dulwich College



Ozias Linley by  
Archer James  
Oliver

### William

- ♪ Spent 10 years in India
- ♪ From 1810 he devoted himself to singing, composing and writing literature
- ♪ He bequeathed his collection of family portraits to Dulwich Picture Gallery



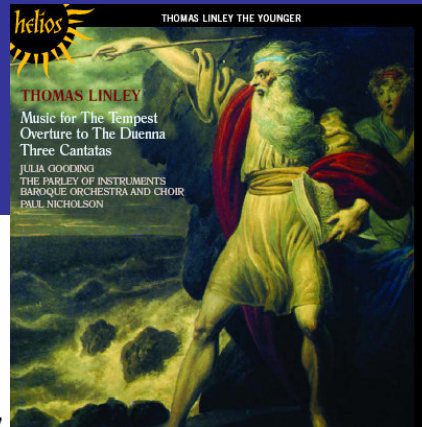
William Linley by  
Thomas Lawrence

## Thomas Linley (junior): *Music for The Tempest: O Bid Your Faithful Ariel Fly!*

Originally sung by sister Elizabeth, this is one of two songs that were included to words by her future husband Richard Sheridan

O bid your faithful Ariel fly  
To the farthest Indies sky,  
And then, at thy afresh command,  
I'll traverse o'er the silver sand.

I'll climb the mountains, plunge the deep,  
I, like mortals, never sleep:  
What e'er it be, not with ill-will,  
But merrily, merrily, merrily.

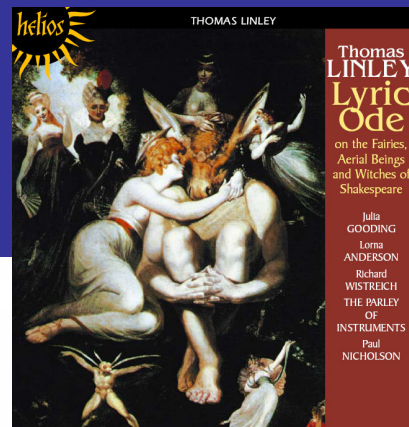


Note how the oboe interacts beautifully with the soprano

## Thomas Linley (junior): *Lyric Ode on the Fairies, Aerial Beings and Witches of Shakespeare*

“Neither Purcell nor Mozart ever gave stronger proofs of original genius than could be traced in this charming ode. The rich variety of contrast, the wild solemnity and the sportive exuberance keep the attention from the first bar of the overture to the close of the ode”

Some drive the clam'rous owl away  
That nightly wonders at their play.  
Some pant with nobler war  
T' invade the hostile rear mice crew;  
And, sheathed in glitt'ring arms of filmy dew,  
Their spears of thorn erect  
Round Ob'ron's nutshell car.



Thomas Linley (junior):  
*By the Pale Light*

**The Tragedies of the Linleys**

Thomas Linley jnr. died in a boating accident at Grimsthorpe Castle in Lincolnshire in 1778. He was 22.

♪ *“This accident has deprived the profession of one of its principal ornaments, and society of a very accomplished and valuable member”*

– **The Morning Chronicle**

♪ *“Linley was a true genius who, had he lived, would have been one of the greatest ornaments of the musical world”*

– **WA Mozart**

Thomas Linley (junior): *What Howling Whirlwinds Rend the Sky*

**The Tragedies of the Linleys**

- ♪ Samuel caught a fever on board ship and died later the same year
- ♪ Maria died of consumption in 1784
- ♪ Mary died of consumption in 1787
- ♪ Elizabeth died of tuberculosis in 1792
- ♪ In 1795 Thomas Linley senior died – the victim, it is said, of a broken heart