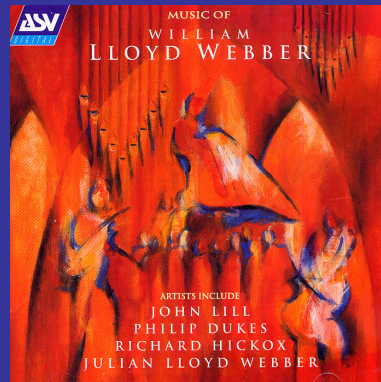


William Lloyd Webber (1914–82): *Air Varie* played by son Julian Lloyd Webber (cello)

- ♪ Julian is accompanied by John Lill (piano), who we will hear at Wycombe Swan on 24 May

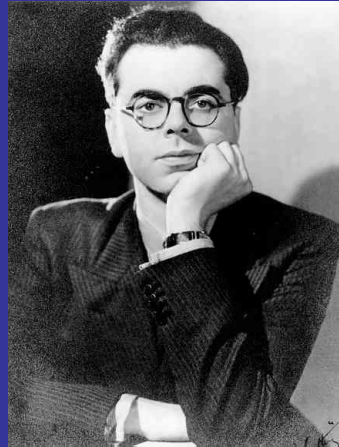


William Lloyd Webber (1914–82): *Air Varie*

- ♪ William's father Charles was keen on organ music, and by the age of 14 William had already become a well-known organ recitalist
- ♪ He won a scholarship to the Royal College of Music where he studied with Ralph Vaughan Williams
- ♪ Because there was already another student at the college with the name William Webber, William always used his middle name 'Lloyd' from then on
- ♪ His most prolific years as a composer were the 20 years following his marriage in 1942 to pianist and violinist Jean Hermione Johnstone
- ♪ They had two sons: composer Andrew (born 1948) and cellist Julian (born 1951).

William Lloyd Webber (1914–82): *Air Varie*

- ♪ His roots were in the romanticism of such composers as Rachmaninov and Sibelius (or, in this case, Franck), yet with a touch of tender nostalgia that is typically English
- ♪ His works include vocal and instrumental music, choral and organ works, chamber music and orchestral works such as *Aurora*
- ♪ His music has recently enjoyed a resurgence



Julian Lloyd Webber *Cellist*

- ♪ He was a scholar at the Royal College of Music and completed his studies with Pierre Fournier in Geneva in 1973
- ♪ His BRIT Award winning version of Elgar's Cello Concerto was chosen as the finest ever version by BBC Music Magazine
- ♪ Collaborations include those with Yehudi Menuhin, Lorin Maazel, Neville Marriner, Georg Solti, brother Andrew, Stephane Grappelli, Elton John and Cleo Laine
- ♪ He plays the Barjansky Stradivarius cello, c.1690.



Andrew Lloyd Webber: *Pie Jesu* from *Requiem*

- ♪ The Requiem premiered in New York in 1985, and was dedicated to his father, William, who had died in 1982
- ♪ It achieved a Grammy Award in 1986 in the category of best classical composition
- ♪ *Pie Jesu* climbed to the top of the popular music charts in Great Britain



Andrew Lloyd Webber: *Pie Jesu* from *Requiem*

- ♪ Andrew married singer/dancer Sarah Brightman in 1984
- ♪ He cast Brightman in the lead role in his musical *The Phantom of the Opera*. She sang soprano solo in the *Requiem*
- ♪ They divorced in 1990
- ♪ Lord Lloyd Webber has composed 13 musicals, a song cycle and two film scores
- ♪ The *Variations*, with his cellist brother Julian as soloist, was a big hit in the UK in (1978)





NEXT CONCERT

♪ **Andrew Lloyd Webber:**
Requiem

♪ **William Lloyd Webber:**
The Prince of Peace

All Saints Parish Church, Marlow
7.30
Saturday 9 May 2009