

Tuesday 13 July, 2pm

Susan Longfield Vocal Prize 2021

Adjudicators:

Brigadier Desmond Longfield Ian Partridge Valerie Masterson Matthew Best Hilary Hammond



This performance was recorded and produced live by Guildhall School's Recording & Audio Visual department on Thursday 1 July 2021 in Milton Court Concert Hall.

Haydn *Nun beut die Flur* (from 'The Creation')

Rodrigo De los álamos vengo, madre (from 'Cuatro madrigals amatorios')

Rimsky-Korsakov *The Nightingale and the Rose* (from '4 Songs, Op 2')

Meyerbeer *Ombre légère* (from 'Dinorah')

Marie Cayeux soprano

Elizabeth Marcus piano

Massenet Frère! Voyez!... Du gai soleil (from 'Werther')

Handel O sleep, why dost thou leave me? (from 'Semele')

Schubert Gretchen am Spinnrade

Debussy Fantoches (from 'Fêtes galantes')

Strauss Breit über mein Haupt dein schwarzes Haar (from '6 Lieder aus

'Lotosblätter')

Britten Tiny's Song (from 'Paul Bunyan')

Strauss Nichts

Chloe Todd soprano

Bethany Reeves piano

Gluck Amour, viens rendre à mon âme (from 'Orphée et Eurydice')

Handel But who may abide (from 'Messiah')

Bauld The Witches' Song

Humperdinck Hexenritt (from 'Hänsel und Gretel')

Katie MacDonald mezzo-soprano

Elizabeth Marcus piano

Handel Neghittosi (from 'Ariodante')

Wolf Mein Liebster hat zu Tische mich geladen (from 'Italienisches

Liederbuch')

Wolf Mein Liebster singt am Haus im Mondenscheine (from 'Italienisches

Liederbuch')

Handel How beautiful are the feet (from 'Messiah')

Schubert Gretchen am Spinnrade

Bauld Titania's Song

Ravel Le Feu (from 'L'enfant et les sortilèges')

Anna Gregg soprano

Elizabeth Marcus piano

Susan Longfield Award

Susan Longfield, in whose memory the award was established, received her training at Guildhall School in the 1950s. She was awarded the School's Silver Medal and left to begin a distinguished career in recital and broadcasting both for radio and television. Early in her career she became a member of the Linden Singers, so popular on television in the Max Jaffa programmes. Susan especially loved singing oratorio but was also an outstanding soprano ensemble singer; her own particular group was the Purcell Consort of Voices. Tragically, after a long illness, Susan died aged 35 in 1970 and her family and friends established the Susan Longfield Award in her memory.

This year sees the 50th anniversary of the competition and the panel of adjudicators for tonight's final includes Hilary Hammond, the first ever winner of the Susan Longfield Award. Past winners since 1990 are listed below:

1990	Ruby Philogene	2005	Leah Gordon
1991	Caroline Harrison	2006	Rebecca van denBerg
1992	Alison Buchanan	2007	Tania Mandzy
1993	Louise Mott	2008	Emily Rowley Jones
1994	Sarah-Jane Dale	2009	Amy Payne
1995	Amanda Boyd	2010	Anna Starushkevych
1996	Miranda Keys	2011	Alice Privett
1997	Liubov Chuchrova	2012	Nazan Fikret
1998	Kimberley McCord	2013	Bethan Langford
1999	Alenka Ponjavic	2014	Jenavieve Moore
2000	Jenny Carlstedt	2015	Lucy Waring
2001	Kate Royal	2016	Lauren Lodge-Campbell
2002	Claire Platt	2017	Claire Barnett-Jones
2003	Katie van Kooten	2018	Ema Nikolovska
2004	Anna Stéphany	2019	Elsa Roux Chamoux

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