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INTERVAL - 20 MINUTES

Wagner Act 3 Prelude from *Lohengrin*

Voice and orchestra

Ema Nikolovska William Thomas Samantha Clarke James Newby

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Ema Nikolovska

Voice and piano

Henry Purcell Sweeter than roses

Pandora, mistress of Pausanias, reflects on his kisses while awaiting her lover: first languorous, then trembling with anticipation, then celebrating the magic of 'victorious love'.

Franz Schubert An die
Entfernte – To the one who
is far away

'Have I really lost you? As the traveller searches the skies for the unseen lark singing above him, so my gaze searches for you through fields and woods, and all my songs cry out "Come back to me, beloved!".'

Hugo Wolf Lied vom
Winde – Song of the wind
(Mörike-Lieder)

The singer asks the wind where its homeland is. 'Child, we travel the world, seeking the answer in vain. Ask our brothers!' And where can love be found? 'Who can say? Love is like the wind, swift, never resting, but inconstant. If I see your sweetheart, I'll greet him for you.'

Nikolay Medtner Sumerki – Twilight

The light has faded, moths fly unseen in the night air. It is the hour of inexpressible longing. Hushed twilight, flow into my soul. Sad feelings overwhelm me; let us taste oblivion and sink into the world of dreams.

Joaquin Rodrigo ¡Un Home, San Antonio!

'Blessed Saint Anthony, give me a man! Just a little man, however small... never mind if he's lame or crippled. A woman without a man is a body without a soul...A man is the only remedy.'

Voice and orchestra

Charles Gounod *Que fais-tu,* blanche tourterelle? (Roméo et Juliette)

Stéphano, Romeo's page, taunts the Capulets: what is their daughter Juliet (the 'white turtle dove') doing in this nest of vultures? One day she will fly away to a 'ring-dove from a green grove' (Romeo). Already the lovers are defying the vultures' sharp beaks and telling the stars of their love. Guard her well!

Benjamin Britten Give him this orchid (The Rape of Lucretia)

Several Roman generals discuss the chastity of their wives and lovers; Tarquinius rides into Rome and forces himself on Lucretia, the faithful wife of his colleague Collatinus. The following morning, Lucretia sends an orchid to her husband: 'Tell him its petals contain woman's pleasure and woman's pain, and all of Lucretia's shame.'

Gustav Mahler Ich atmet' einen linden Duft (Rückert-Lieder)

I breathed a gentle perfume; in the room stood a branch of a lime tree, a present from a dear one. In the delightful scent of lime, I breathe the gentle scent of love.

Wofgang Amadeus Mozart Parto, parto (La clemenza di Tito)

Sextus loves the scheming Vitellia, who has ordered him to kill his friend, the virtuous Roman emperor Titus; Sextus is at first unwilling, but to placate her he will do whatever she wishes. What power the gods have given to beauty!



Ema Nikolovska mezzo-soprano

b. Macedonia

Training Performance diploma and BMus in violin performance, The Glenn Gould School, Toronto; private vocal study with Helga Tucker at Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto; Guildhall Artist Masters with Susan McCulloch and Rudolf Piernay; currently first year Guildhall Opera Course, studying with Rudolf Piernay.

Scholarships London Syndicate Scholar; Shipley Rudge Scholar; Countess of Munster Music Trust 'Star Award'.

Competitions Ferrier Loveday Song Prize 2019; Guildhall Wigmore Prize 2019; Oxford Lieder 2019 Young Artist Platform winner; Singers' Prize 2018 Gerald Moore Award; Second Place International Helmut Deutsch Lied Competition; winner 2018 Susan Longfield Prize; First and Audience Prizes, 25th Maureen Lehane Vocal Awards.

Experience Masterclasses at Toronto Summer Music Academy and Festival, Britten-Pears Programme, Music Academy of Villecroze, Franz-Schubert-Institut and Lied Akademie at Heidelberger Frühling Festival; Graham Johnson's Song Guild; Prince Consort Side-by-Side, Wigmore Hall; Schubert Lieder recital (with Malcolm Martineau), Pierre Boulez Saal, Berlin; BBC Total Immersion Day, Ligeti's *Sippal*, *dobbal*, *nádihegedüvel* for mezzo and percussion ensemble.

Future plans YCAT final and Guildhall Wigmore Recital Prize, Wigmore Hall; Verbier Festival Academy Atelier Lyrique; Dialogues IX Symposium led by Kaija Saariaho, Kallio-Kuninkala, Finland; Oxford Lieder recital; Celia *La fedeltà premiata*, Guildhall School.

William Thomas

Voice and piano

Hugo Wolf Gebet – Prayer (Mörike-Lieder)

Lord, send what you will, be it joy or sorrow; I am content with either. Don't overwhelm me with joy or sorrow; midway between lies moderation.

Francis Poulenc Mazurka

One of a set of songs commissioned from six different composers in 1949 to mark the centenary of Chopin's death. Louise de Vilmorin's surreal text evokes bejewelled couples dancing among mirrors and violins. Hands let fall the needle of reason... A fixed stare, a wrinkled brow... The wise and the flighty hear the fickle one say yes, say no... The soft steps of the prudes... At the ball where fires will unite, thus the snow melts...

Traditional *Phil the*Fluter's Ball

Have you heard of Phil the Fluter, from the town of Ballymuck? He invites a motley crowd to his ball, passing round the hat for contributions. You have to pay the piper when he tootles on the flute!

Carl Loewe Edward (3 Balladen, Op. 1)

A spine-chilling Scottish ballad, translated by Johann Gottfried Herder and also set by Schubert. 'O why does your sword so drip with blood, Edward?' asks his mother. Edward claims to have killed his hawk, then his steed, but finally admits that he has slain his father. In penance he will get in yonder boat and cross the sea. His towers will crumble, his children will beg throughout the world. All he will leave to his mother is the curse of hell.

Voice and orchestra

Gioachino Rossini La calunnia (Calumny) (Il barbiere di Siviglia)

Figaro, the barber of Seville, is trying to help Count Almaviva win Rosina from the clutches of her guardian, Doctor Bartolo. Don Basilio, the corrupt music master, advises Bartolo that the way to undermine Almaviva's hopes is by gossip and scandal. Start a whispering campaign, let it gather momentum until it explodes like a cannon; shamed and discredited, the miserable victim can only hope to die.

Modest Mussorgsky *The Song* of the Flea

Sung by Mephistopheles in Goethe's poetical drama 'Faust', the Song of the Flea has been set to music by Beethoven, Berlioz and Wagner as well as by Mussorgsky (in Russian translation). The orchestration is by Stravinsky. A king keeps a pet flea and asks his tailor to make sumptuous clothes for it; the flea lives in luxury in the palace and is made a minister. The Queen and the courtiers complain that they cannot touch the flea even though all its friends and relations keep biting them. As for us, we kill them as soon as they bite.

Sergei Rachmaninov *Aleko's* cavatina (Aleko)

Rachmaninov's one-act opera *Aleko* is based on a poem by Pushkin, 'The Gypsies', which also inspired Bizet's *Carmen*. Aleko has run away from civilisation to live with his beloved gypsy girl, Zemfira. He remembers their nights of passion; but now she no longer loves him.



William Thomas bass

b. UK

Training BMus and MMus Guildhall School; currently first year Guildhall Opera Course studying with John Evans.

Scholarships Sidney Perry Foundation Scholar; Help Musicians UK Maidment Award holder; Drake Calleja Scholar 2018–19.

Competitions Winner 2019 Veronica Dunne International Singing Competition; winner 2018 Kathleen Ferrier Awards; winner 2018 Glyndebourne John Christie Award; winner Joaninha Trust Award, February 2018.

Experience Nicholas, The Major-Domo *Vanessa*, Glyndebourne Festival (Jerwood Young Artist 2018); Graham Johnson's Songmakers' Almanac (bass solo), Wigmore Hall; Bartók *Cantata*, LSO/Roth (LSO debut), Barbican; Beethoven *Symphony No. 9*, Lyon/Alan Gilbert.

Future plans Songmakers' Almanac Concert, June 2019; Beethoven Symphony No. 9, Les Siècles; Wigmore Hall solo recital 2020; Melibeo Haydn's *La fedeltà premiata*, Guildhall School.

Samantha Clarke

Voice and piano

Richard Strauss Das

Rosenband – The garland
of roses

Finding her asleep, I tied her with garlands of roses. As I looked at her, my life was linked to hers. I rustled the garlands and she awoke. As she looked at me, her life was linked to mine; paradise was all around us.

Richard Strauss Schlechtes Wetter – Terrible weather

It's raining and snowing and blowing a gale! From my window I see a little old lady hobbling across the street. She's been buying flour, eggs and butter to bake a cake for her daughter, who sits dozing in an armchair, her golden hair tumbling over her sweet face.

Francis Poulenc from

Fiançailles pour rire –

Betrothal for fun:

Fleurs - Flowers

Promised flowers, flowers held in your arms, flowers emerging from the parentheses of a step: who brought you these winter flowers sprinkled with sea sand? Sand of your kisses, flowers of faded loves. Your lovely eyes are ashes, and in the hearth a heart beribboned with laments is burning with its holy images.

Violon - Violin

I like the violin and its player, a loving couple with unfamiliar accents. I love these groanings drawn out on the string of unease. To the sound of chords played on the ropes of hanged men, the strawberry-shaped heart offers itself to love like an unknown fruit.

Aaron Copland The little horses (Old American Songs)

A traditional lullaby from the American South, sung by the nurse to the child of the house, promising all the good things that will be waiting when it wakes up.

Sergei Rachmaninov Vesennie vody – Spring waters

The fields are white with snow, but spring waters are already rushing to awaken the sleepy river banks. 'Spring is coming! We are its heralds.' And the warm rosy-cheeked days of May dance joyfully after them.

Voice and orchestra

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Temerari. Come scoglio

(Così fan tutte)

For a bet, two soldiers engaged to two sisters pretend to sail off to war, returning in disguise to test their fiancées' fidelity. Fiordiligi, the elder sister, is appalled by their unwanted advances: 'As a rock stands immovable against wind and tempest, so my soul stands firm in constancy and love.'

Giacomo Puccini *Quando* me'n vo' (La bohème)

In her famous Waltz Song, the cabaret singer Musetta revels in the experience of being the centre of attention: 'As I walk through the streets, people stare at me, their eyes longing for my hidden charms...'

Igor Stravinsky No word from Tom. I go to him (The Rake's Progress)

Tom Rakewell has gone to London, to collect an unexpected inheritance. Left behind in the country, his beloved Anne Trulove wonders what has become of Tom, then makes up her mind to go to London to find him.



Samantha Clarke soprano

b. Australia

Training Advanced Postgraduate Diploma and Intensive Masters of Music, RNCM as a Sir John Fisher Foundation and Independent Opera Scholar, with Mary Plazas; currently second year Guildhall Opera Course studying with Yvonne Kenny.

Scholarships Baroness de Turckheim Scholar; Help Musicians; Tait Memorial and Countess of Munster Trust Scholar.

Competitions Leverhulme Royal Northern College of Music Award, the Dame Eva Turner Award and the Michael and Joyce Kennedy Award for the singing of Strauss; Samantha was awarded a 2017 RNCM Gold Medal and the Nora Goodridge Developing Artist Award through the Australian Music Foundation for 2017–18 and 2018–19. Samantha is also privileged to be a Samling Institute scholar.

Experience recitals at Wigmore Hall and The Foundling Museum; Helena A Midsummer Night's Dream, Fiordiligi Così fan tutte, Anna Gomez The Consul, Guildhall School; Anne Trulove The Rake's Progress, Donna Elvira Don Giovanni, BYO; Theodora Theodora, RNCM; Pamina Die Zauberflöte, First Lady Die Zauberflöte, Countess (cover) Le nozze di Figaro, Longborough Festival Opera; Beth Little Women Mark Adamo, WAAPA.

Future plans Georgiana *Georgiana*, Buxton International Festival; Musetta *La bohème*, Opera North.

James Newby

Voice and piano

Peter Warlock Yarmouth Fair

This jolly account of a romantic encounter was collected by E J Moeran as a Norfolk 'folk song', although it had actually been composed by a local road-mender named John Drinkwater, to words he had found in an old magazine. In 1924 the publishers of the original text refused permission for Warlock to use it for this arrangement, so Warlock asked his friend Hal Collins to write these new words.

Franz Liszt Die drei Zigeuner

– The three gypsies

I met three gypsies on a sandy heath. One played a fiddle, another smoked a pipe, and the third was asleep. Despite their patched clothes, they seemed free and content: thus all we need for earthly happiness in our benighted lives is to sleep, smoke and play the fiddle.

Henri Duparc Phidylé

The grass is soft beneath the cool poplars beside the mossy springs. Rest, Phidylé! Bees sing in the clover and thyme, birds seek shade among wild roses. But when the sun begins to set, may your smile and your ardent kiss reward me for my waiting.

George Butterworth

Is my team ploughing?

(A Shropshire Lad)

In one of A E Housman's most poignant poems, the ghost of a dead ploughman asks his living friend how life in the community is going on since his passing. Some of his friend's answers are not what he would have wished to hear.

Voice and orchestra

George Frideric Handel Cara pianta – Dear laurel (Apollo e Dafne)

To escape the amorous attentions of the god Apollo, Daphne has turned into a laurel tree. Apollo tells the laurel that he will water her leaves with his tears and crown heroes with her branches. If he cannot clasp Daphne to his breast, at least he will wear her on his brow.

Gustav Mahler Revelge – Reveille (Des Knaben Wunderborn)

The soldiers march up and down the street behind the drummer boy; his beloved looks out at them from her window. 'I have been shot; carry me to my quarters.' -'Brother, I can't carry you, we have been defeated.' Though his comrades lie mown down all around him, he beats his drum and wakes them; they rise up and defeat the enemy. In the morning the ranks of skeletons stand there, with the drummer boy at their head where his beloved can see him.

Pietro Mascagni *Quella è una* strada – This is a street (Le maschere – The Maskers)

From Mascagni's 1901 comic opera featuring characters of the commedia dell'arte, this patter song is sung by the stammering Tartaglia to entertain the fearsome Captain Spaventa with a description of Venice. It pretends to be a great city, spending money as if there were no tomorrow; there are too many police and not enough criminals – the small fry are sent to prison while the whales go free.



James Newby baritone b. UK

Training Trinity Laban; Guildhall Artist Masters; currently a Fellow of Guildhall School studying with Robert Dean.

Scholarships Musicians' Company Saloman Seelig Award; Drake Calleja Trust.

Competitions/awards Winner 2016 Kathleen Ferrier Award; recipient Wigmore Hall/Independent Opera Voice Fellowship; Richard Tauber Prize (for best interpretation of a Schubert Lied); third prize Wigmore Hall/Kohn International Song Competition; Trinity Gold Medal 2017; OAE Rising Stars prize; BBC New Generation Artist 2018–20.

Experience Messenger *La Traviata*, Marcellus/Player 4 *Hamlet* (world premiere), *La clemenza di Tito* and Notary *Don Pasquale* (for which he won the prestigious John Christie Award), Glyndebourne Festival Opera (Jerwood Young Artist 2017); recitals at the Newbury Spring Festival, Leeds Lieder Festival (with Joseph Middleton – recorded for BBC Radio 3), Perth International Arts Festival, Australia, Oxford Lieder Festival with Eugene Asti, and Schumann's *Dichterliebe* at Trinity Laban; Mercurio, Cavalli's *La Calisto*, La Nuova Musica and David Bates; BBC Proms debut in Vaughan Williams' *Serenade to Music* conducted by Sakari Oramo.

Recent/future plans Christus, Sally Beamish's *The Judas Passion* (world premiere); staged Bach *St John Passion*, Bilbao Orkestra Sinfonikoa/Calixto Bieito; Count Almaviva *Le nozze di Figaro*, Nevill Holt Opera; debuts with Gabrieli Consort, RTE National Symphony Orchestra, BBC Symphony Orchestra and Orchestra of the Eighteenth Century; debut Théâtre du Châtelet (Bieito's *St John Passion*); La Monnaie Brussels for Howard Moody's *Push*; Apollo Handel *Apollo e Dafne*, OAE/ Jonathan Cohen; *St Matthew Passion*, John Butt; performances at the Ryedale, Chiltern Arts and Three Choirs Festivals; solo recital debut at Wigmore Hall in 2019.

Pianists



Dylan Perezb. United States of America

Training University of Michigan with Louis Nagel and Martin Katz; Guildhall Artist Masters (2016) and Artist Diploma (2018), Guildhall School, studying under Eugene Asti, Andrew West, Iain Burnside, Julius Drake and Pamela Lidiard; Britten-Pears Young Artist; alumnus of the Franz-Schubert-Institut in Baden bei Wien, Austria.

Competitions Gerald Moore Award; Paul Hamburger Prize; semi-finalist 'Das Lied' International Song Competition; finalist Kathleen Ferrier Award, Ferrier Loveday Song Prize (with Bianca Andrew); Oxford Lieder Young Artist platform with duo partner Jess Dandy; semi-finalist 2017 Das Lied International Competition, with duo partner Iúnó Connolly.

Experience Performed for BBC Radio 3 'In Tune' for a BBC Proms Extra concert from Imperial College and for a BBC Total Immersion event celebrating Richard Rodney Bennett; participant in *The Song Continues* masterclass series at Carnegie Hall with Marilyn Horne, Jessye Norman and Dalton Baldwin and pianist for their residency in Paris; played in masterclasses with Renée Fleming, Joyce DiDonato, Dame Felicity Lott, and with Roger Vignoles, Christian Gerhaher and Brigitte Fassbaender, Wigmore Hall; founder of the London based recital series *re-sung*, which had its inaugural season in 2017–2018.



Michael Pandya

b. UK

Training University of Oxford; DipRAM, Royal Academy of Music; currently Artist Diploma at Guildhall School studying with Julius Drake and Caroline Palmer.

Scholarships Guildhall Scholar; Countess of Munster Musical Trust; Help Musicians UK; Leverhulme Trust; Clumber Studio Trust; Winifred Christie Trust.

Competitions 2018 Gerald Moore Award; Help Musicians UK accompanist prize at the Kathleen Ferrier Awards; Oxford Lieder Young Artist Platform with duo partner Harriet Burns; accompanist prize Maureen Lehane Vocal Awards; Paul Hamburger Prize; Brenda Webb Award; Joan Chissells/Rex Stephens Schumann Lieder Prize; Vivian Langrish Piano Prize; pianist prize Rosenblatt North London Singing Competition.

Experience Oxford Lieder Young Artist; Samling Artist and regular pianist for the Samling Academy; Graham Johnson Fellowship at SongFest, Los Angeles (2017); recitals for the Park Lane Group and the Concordia Foundation, performances alongside Graham Johnson, Jonathan Lemalu, Robin Tritschler, Eamonn Dougan; appearances at Wigmore Hall, KlavierFestRuhr, Oxford Lieder Festival, Newbury Spring Festival, Royal Overseas-League London, Hinchingbrooke Bösendorfer Series, Aberdeen Youth Festival, Barbican Hall; several live performances on BBC Radio 3 'In Tune'.

Future plans Concerts at Barnes Music Festival, Leeds Lieder Festival, Harrogate International Festivals; recitals in Edinburgh and Belfast.



Panaretos Kyriatzidis

b. Greece

Training Postgraduate Artist Diploma (Distinction), Masters of Music (Distinction), Junior Fellow in Piano Accompaniment, Trinity Laban, studying with Martino Tirimo, Eugene Asti and Philip Fowke; BA Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

Competitions Joint first prize, Gerald Moore Award; Oxford Lieder Young Artist; London Song Festival Duo Prize with Erika Mädi Jones; Emmy Destinn Awards Lady Grenfell Baines Accompanist's Prize; Olivier Award 2018 nomination for Best Opera Production (La Bohème) Trafalgar Studios; Off West End Award (Offie) 2018 for Best Opera Production (Tosca) King's Head Theatre; finalist Wigmore Hall / Kohn Foundation International Song Competition, Kathleen Ferrier Awards with James Newby, and Internationaler Wettbewerb für Liedkunst Stuttgart with Suzanne Fischer; semi-finalist, Jacques Samuel Intercollegiate Piano Competition; John Thompson Prize for chamber music and David Gosling Prize for excellence in accompaniment/collaborative performance, Trinity Laban.

Experience Broadcast on BBC Radio 3 'In Tune' and Lunchtime Concert; performances across the UK including Wigmore Hall; Red House Library, Aldeburgh; St Martin-in-the-Fields; St James's Piccadilly; King's Place; St John's Smith Square among others; soloist in Stravinsky *Concerto for piano and wind instruments*, Blackheath Halls; masterclasses with George Hadjinikos, Thomas Quasthoff, Menahem Pressler, Elly Ameling, Graham Johnson, Roger Vignoles, Pascal Rogé, the Carducci Quartet, Levon Chilingirian and others; tutor and accompanist, Morley College; accompanist, Trinity Laban.

Future plans Britten Pears Young Artist Programme, Singing Britten course; song recital for the Schubert Society of Britain, with soprano Madeleine Bradbury Rance; MD Mozart *Le nozze di Figaro*, St Paul's Opera; London Song Festival song recital, with Erika Mädi Jones.



Richard Farnes conductor



Richard Farnes read Music at King's College, Cambridge, where he was organ scholar, and went on to study at the National Opera Studio, Royal Academy of Music and Guildhall School. At the Royal Academy he won both the Henry Wood and Philharmonia Chorus conducting scholarships, and was awarded a European Community Youth Orchestra Scholarship in 1988 for his contribution to the orchestra as its keyboard player. On completion of his studies he gained valuable experience working on the music staff of the Glyndebourne Festival, Scottish Opera and Opera Factory and won the 1990 British Reserve Insurance Competition for Young Conductors.

He was Music Director of Opera North from 2004–16, for whom he conducted a range of operas including La fanciulla del West, Death in Venice, Otello, La traviata, Giovanna d'Arco, Falstaff, Macbeth, Don Carlos, Peter Grimes, Gloriana, The Turn of Screw, Albert Herring, Le nozze di Figaro, and Don Giovanni. In 2011, Richard Farnes and Opera North started an ambitious project to perform Wagner's Ring in concert. Complete Ring cycles took place throughout 2016 in Leeds, Salford, Nottingham, Gateshead and London. This project won the 2017 Royal Philharmonic Society Opera and Music Theatre award, and Richard Farnes was named Conductor of the Year.

The 2017–18 season saw him conduct the BBC Symphony, the Adelaide Symphony and Bournemouth Symphony Orchestras, and a return to Opera North for Verdi's *Un ballo in maschera*, whilst summer 2018 saw him conducting Verdi's *Falstaff* at Garsington Opera. He made his debut at the Metropolitan Opera in New York with Verdi's *Falstaff* in February 2019 and will return there in 2020.

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Kevin Murphy

Pianist Kevin Murphy, a leading figure in the world of classical vocal music, is Director of Coaching and Music Administration for Indiana University Opera Theater and Professor of Collaborative Piano at the IU Jacobs School of Music. He has served as the Director of the Program for Singers at the Ravinia's Steans Music Institute since 2011 and has recently been appointed Artistic Director of the Tel Aviv Summer Opera Program in Israel. He was Director of Music Administration and Casting Advisor at the New York City Opera (2008–12) and Director of Musical Studies at the Opéra National de Paris (2006–08).

Kevin Murphy was the first pianist and vocal coach invited by Maestro James Levine into the prestigious Lindemann Young Artist Program at the Metropolitan Opera, and from 1993–2006, he was an assistant conductor at the Met. In addition to his on- and offstage partnership with his wife, soprano Heidi Grant Murphy, Mr. Murphy has collaborated with artists such as Michelle DeYoung, Bryn Terfel, Thomas Hampson, Danielle de Niese, Iestyn Davies, Cecilia Bartoli, Plácido Domingo, Renée Fleming, Gerald Finley, Kiri Te Kanawa and Pinchas Zuckerman, among many others. As a private vocal coach, he has taught at San Francisco Opera's Merola Program, the International Vocal Arts Institute in Israel and Italy, Glimmerglass Opera, Tanglewood, Aspen Music Festival, and the Juilliard School.

Kevin Murphy has recently added conducting to his musical activities, producing a staged concert performance of Mozart's *Der Schauspieldirektor* at Indiana University, conducting at San Francisco Opera's Merola program, Chabrier's *L'Étoile* at Cincinnati's College Conservatory of Music and Mahler's *Kindertotenlieder* for the Indiana University Ballet Theater. Mr. Murphy has appeared on *The Tonight Show, Good Morning America, The Today Show*, has been featured on NPR's *All Things Considered*, and has recorded for EMI, Centaur, Arabesque and Koch. He received his Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance from Indiana University, his Master of Music in Piano Accompanying from the Curtis Institute of Music, and resides in Bloomington, Indiana with his wife, Heidi, and their four children.



Ann Murray DBE mezzo soprano

Ann Murray was born in Dublin. She has close links with both the English National Opera, for whom she has sung the title roles in Handel Xerxes and Ariodante and Donizetti Maria Stuarda, and with the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, where her roles have included Cherubino, Dorabella, Donna Elvira, Rosina, Octavian, new productions of L'Enfant et les Sortilèges, Ariadne auf Naxos, Idomeneo, Mitridate, Re di Ponto, Così fan tutte, Mosé in Egitto, Alcina and Giulio Cesare.

Her international operatic engagements have taken her to Hamburg, Dresden, Cologne, Berlin, Munich, Paris, Zurich, Brussels, Amsterdam, Milan, Vienna, Salzburg, the Chicago Lyric Opera, Los Angeles Opera and the Metropolitan Opera, New York.

In concert, she has appeared with the world's great orchestras and her recital appearances have taken her to Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam, Geneva, Dresden, Zurich, Frankfurt, Madrid, London, Dublin, the Aldeburgh, Edinburgh, Munich and Salzburg Festivals and both the Konzerthaus and Musikverein in Vienna. Her discography reflects not only her broad concert and recital repertoire but also many of her great operatic roles.

In 1997 Ann Murray was made an Honorary Doctor of Music by the National University of Ireland, in 1998 she was made a Kammersängerin of the Bavarian State Opera and in 1999 an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music. In the 2002 Golden Jubilee Queen's Birthday Honours she was appointed an honorary Dame Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. In 2004 she was awarded the Bavarian Order of Merit.



Sir Bryn Terfel

Welsh bass-baritone Sir Bryn Terfel has established an extraordinary career, performing regularly on the prestigious concert stages and opera houses of the world, including the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, the Metropolitan Opera, New York, Opéra National de Paris, Teatro Alla Scala and Zürich Opera. Roles for which he is most noted include Falstaff, Dulcamara, Wotan and Holländer. Recent additions to his repertoire include Reb Tevye, Boris Godunov and Sweeney Todd.

In 2017, he was awarded a knighthood for his services to music. Other honours include a CBE (2003), the Queen's Medal for Music (2006), the Shakespeare Prize by the Alfred Toepfer Foundation (2006) and the Freedom of the City of London (2015). He is a Grammy, Classical Brit and Gramophone Award winner with a discography encompassing operas of Mozart, Wagner and Strauss and more than fifteen solo discs. An alumnus of Guildhall School, Sir Bryn won the Gold Medal in 1989.

Recent performances include Holländer in *Der fliegende Holländer* and Sweeney Todd for Zürich Opera, Falstaff at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden and the World Premiere of an original show by Robat Arwyn and Mererid Hopwood – *Hwn Yw Fy Mrawd* – chronicling the life of the film star and singer Paul Robeson at the Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff as part of the National Eisteddfod of Wales.

An acclaimed recitalist, he is equally renowned for his versatility as a concert performer with highlights ranging from the opening ceremony of the Wales Millennium Centre, BBC Last Night of the Proms, and the Royal Variety Show to a Gala Concert with Andrea Bocelli in Central Park, New York. He has given recitals all around the world and for nine years hosted his own festival in Faenol, North Wales.

This season, Sir Bryn performs Boris Godunov for Deutsche Oper Berlin and the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, Holländer in *Der fliegende Holländer* at Bayerische Staatsoper Münich and Scarpia in *Tosca* at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.



Jonathan Vaughan (Chair)

After studying double bass and piano at the Royal College of Music, Jonathan worked with most of Britain's major orchestras and opera companies. He was an active chamber musician and worked as a teacher, coach and music educator in a variety of settings.

Jonathan spent ten very happy years as a member of the London Symphony Orchestra and was ultimately privileged to serve as its Chairman.

He was Director of the National Youth Orchestra for five years, before taking up his current post, Director of Music at Guildhall School in 2007. He is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and was awarded Fellowship of Guildhall School in 2015.

Jonathan lives in Wiltshire with his wife, three children and one sadly neglected double bass.

With thanks to Richard Heatherington, guest adjudicator for the preliminary round.

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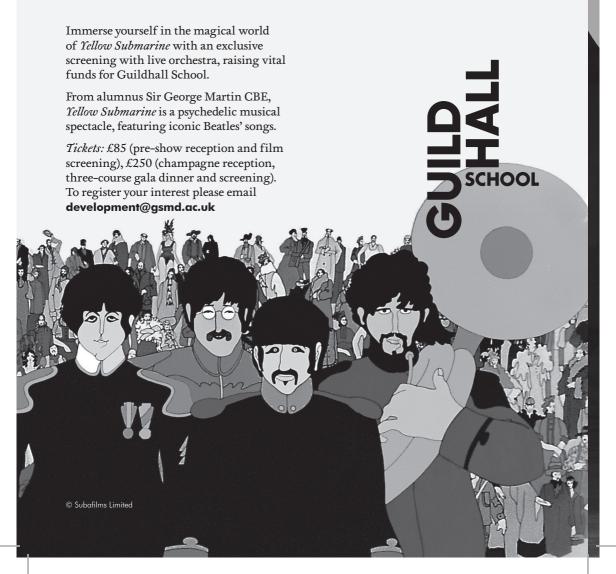
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