



G H O S T S & W H I S P E R S

An unbroken sequence of fragments, last thoughts, elegies and absences by Schubert, Mozart, Wagner, Janáček, Stravinsky, Jacquet de la Guerre and Schumann, inter-leaved with movements from John Woolrich's Pianobooks.

Ideal for a haunted or derelict space, this programme should be staged with dimmed lights in a hushed acoustic. The audience is immersed in an unpredictable and unsettling succession of differing sound worlds, perpetually disorientated by a succession of shadows, illusions and broken promises that gradually slides into darkness, erasure and death.

The programme will be performed alongside images from the Quay Brothers specially conceived for this project.

The concert lasts an hour.

www.clarehammond.com/ghosts





CLARE HAMMOND

Acclaimed as a pianist of “amazing power and panache” (The Telegraph), Clare Hammond is recognised for the virtuosity and authority of her performances and has developed a “reputation for brilliantly imaginative concert programmes” (BBC Music Magazine, ‘Rising Star’). In 2016, she won the Royal Philharmonic Society’s ‘Young Artist Award’ in recognition of outstanding achievements.

In the 2017/18 season, Clare performed Edwin Roxburgh’s Concerto for Piano and Winds with the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Michael Seal and Panufnik’s Piano Concerto with the Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra under Jacek Kasprzyk. She recently made the world premiere recording of two keyboard concertos by Myslivecek with the Swedish Chamber Orchestra and conductor Nicholas McGegan for BIS Records. BBC Radio 3 and the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra have co-commissioned composer Kenneth Hesketh to write a concerto for Clare, to be premiered in 2019 with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales. Clare completed a BA at Cambridge University, where she obtained a double first in music, and undertook postgraduate study with Ronan O’Hora at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama.

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JOHN WOOLRICH

John Woolrich’s music has been performed throughout the world by leading orchestras including the London Philharmonic, the Philharmonia, the Academy of St Martin in the Fields and all the BBC orchestras. He has been Artistic Director of both the Aldeburgh Festival and Dartington Summer School and

until recently was Professor of Music at Brunel University.

A number of preoccupations thread through his music: the art of creative transcription- Ulysses Awakes, for instance, is a re-composition of a Monteverdi aria, and The Theatre Represents a Garden: Night is based on fragments of Mozart—and a fascination with machinery and mechanical processes, heard in many pieces including The Ghost in the Machine and The Barber’s Timepiece.

Recent pieces include Capriccio for violin and strings, commissioned by the Scottish Ensemble for the 2009 Proms, Between the Hammer and the Anvil, for the London Sinfonietta, a violin concerto, for Carolin Widmann and the Northern Sinfonia, and Falling Down, a double bassoon concerto for Margaret Cookhorn and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.

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QUAY BROTHERS

Theatre and Opera: The Birthday Party (Harold Pinter Theatre), An Evening At The Talkhouse (National Theatre), Theatre Of The World (Amsterdam/ L.A Philharmonic), Love For Three Oranges (Opera North/ENO), A Flea In Her Ear (Old Vic), Mazeppa (Bregenz Festival/Nederland Opera), Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme (National Theatre), A Midsummer Night’s Dream (Almeida), The Chairs (Royal Court), Baalaams Fest (Weiner Festwochen), The Cricket Recovers (Aldeburgh/Almeida) and Paul Bunyan (Bregenz/Luzern).

Puppet animation films: Street of Crocodiles; Rehearsals for Extinct Anatomies; In Absentia; Mask; Unmistaken Hands. Live-Action films: Institute Benjamin & The Pianotuner of Earthquakes. Ballet films with Will Tuckett: Duet and Sandman. On Deciphering The Pharmacist’s Prescription For Lip-Reading Puppets - a recent retrospective of their work at MoMA in New York, then transferred to The Eye in Amsterdam, Barcelona & Madrid and presently touring in Japan.