

# SAMPLE PROGRAMMES

## Lunchtime Recitals or Coffee Concerts

Clare is happy to discuss programmes and to offer other suggestions if of interest.

These programmes can be modified to fit a full-length evening slot and works can be exchanged between the two.

### Programme 1

BACH  
Toccat in D minor, BWV 913 (14')

BEETHOVEN  
Sonata No. 4 in E flat major,  
Op. 7 (27')

RAVEL  
*Sonatine* (12')

Here, Bach's imposing Toccata in D minor contrasts with the buoyancy and optimism of Beethoven's Sonata in E flat major. Ravel's poised and elegant *Sonatine* provides an exciting close to the programme.

### Programme 2

COUPERIN  
Selection from *Pièces de Clavecin*, 6e ordre (8')

FAURÉ  
Selection from *Nocturnes* (15')

DEBUSSY  
*Children's Corner* (16')

DUTILLEUX  
*Au gré des ondes* (11')

This programme of French music opens with Couperin's graceful *Pièces de Clavecin*, followed by the inexpressibly beautiful *Nocturnes* of Fauré. Debussy's well known suite for children leads to Dutilleux's lively and sparkling *Au gré des ondes*.

### Programme 3

SZYMANOWSKI  
Three Mazurkas, Op. 50,  
Nos. 2, 9 and 6 (8')

ADÈS  
*Mazurkas*, Op. 27 (8')

MEDTNER  
*Sonata Romantica*, Op. 53 No. 1 (27')

STRAVINSKY  
*Trois mouvements de Petrouchka* (16')

This programme opens with two very contrasting sets of Mazurkas by Polish composer Karol Szymanowski and British composer Thomas Adès. Medtner's passionate and intense *Sonata Romantica* is followed by Stravinsky's dramatic and vivid *Petruschka Suite*.

"In Ravel's *Tombeau de Couperin*, the pianist was likewise in full expressive command of her fingers, conveying the swirling shimmer and sweet melancholy of a work that veers between elegance and emotion."

Conrad Wilson, **Herald Scotland**

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Artem Avatinian, **Gramophone Magazine Russia**



# Clare Hammond

piano

*"Amazing power and panache"* **Daily Telegraph**

*"Crisp precision and unflashy intelligence"* **The Guardian**

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## RECITAL HIGHLIGHTS 2014-15

- Performing Philip Glass' etudes alongside the composer in April 2015 at the **Barbican Hall, London**.
- Regular recitals at the **Wigmore Hall** in London including a performance in 2012, broadcast live by **BBC Radio 3** in April 2012 and chosen as one of their **'Classical Highlights'** for the month.
- BBC Music Magazine's **'Rising Star'** in March 2015.
- Debut recitals for **'Chopin and his Europe'** and the **Warsaw Autumn International Festival of Contemporary Music** in Poland.
- Panufnik **centenary tour of Poland** under the auspices of the British Council's 'Artists' International Development Fund', with recitals in Zakopane, Warsaw and Kalisz.
- Regular appearances on **BBC Radio 3**, including performances of Sibelius and Rangström in a **BBC Symphony Orchestra** studio concert.
- Clare co-curated the chamber festival, **Panufnik 100**, at Kings Place with the **Brotsky Quartet**.
- Debut recitals for the **Cheltenham Music Festival** and the **City of London Festival** with premieres of works written specially for Clare by Ken Hesketh and Robert Saxton.
- Completed a **Doctorate** with a thesis on left-hand piano music and now lectures widely on **left-hand piano concertos** by Ravel and Britten.
- Two discs released with **BIS Records** and a third to be recorded in August 2015.
- World premieres** of works by **John McCabe**, Arlene Sierra, Adam Gorb and **Edwin Roxburgh**.



## RECENT REVIEWS

*"young British rising star Clare Hammond was a dazzling athlete"*

Fiona Maddocks, **Guardian**  
Barbican Hall, London

*"This array of wizardry is not for the faint-hearted"*  
Jessica Duchon, **BBC Music Magazine**

*"unfaltering bravura and conviction"*  
Bryce Morrison, **Gramophone**

*"vitalité éloquente et force de conviction"*  
Bertrand Boissard, **Diapason**

*"definition of bravura over barnstorming"*  
CRITIC'S CHOICE, **Classical Music Magazine**

*"a pronounced virtuoso"*  
Hartmut Lück, **Klassik Heute**

*"skill, inspiration, clarity and an extraordinarily meticulous performance"*, Artem Avatinian  
**Gramophone Russia**

*"performs with authority and great imagination"*  
Haskins, **American Record Guide**



*"... Most impressive, though, was her natural sense of pacing, allowing the hollowed-out climax of Pour les Arpèges Composées to gather like a wisp of smoke in sunlight before dissipating in a passing breeze."*

**The Guardian**, Purcell Room, Guy Dammann