

SAMPLE PROGRAMME

Full-length Evening Recitals

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

These programmes can be modified to fit a lunch-time slot and works can be exchanged between the two.

Programme 1

JACQUET DE LA GUERRE
Suite No. 6 in G major (15')

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

INTERVAL

FAURÉ
Selection from *Nocturnes* (10')

BOULANGER, L.
D'un vieux jardin and *D'un jardin clair* (5')

DEBUSSY
Children's Corner (16')

DUTILLEUX
Au gré des ondes (11')

Programme 2

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

ADÈS
Mazurkas, Op. 27 (8')

CHOPIN
Études, Op. 25 (30')

INTERVAL

RACHMANINOV
Variations on a Corelli Theme, Op. 42 (20')

SHOSTAKOVICH
Trois mouvements de Petroushka (16')

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The first programme opens with Jacquet de la Guerre's imposing Suite in G major which is followed by Beethoven's uplifting and optimistic Sonata in E flat major. The second half presents four French composers with the inexpressibly beautiful Nocturnes of Fauré, Boulanger's other-worldly miniatures, Debussy's humorous *Children's Corner*, and Dutilleux's virtuosic *Au gré des ondes*.

The second programme opens with a Polish-inspired first half with two sets of Mazurkas by Karol Szymanowski and British composer Thomas Adès. Chopin's expressive and virtuosic *Études* precede the interval. Rachmaninov's variations are based on a well known Baroque dance melody, 'La Folia', also used in works by Corelli, while Shostakovich's three movements from *Petroushka* provide an explosive and invigorating close to the programme.



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 **Brodsky 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

