



Clare Hammond

piano

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

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

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REVIEWS OF 'REFLECTIONS'

Clare's debut CD for BIS
Records of works by Andrzej
and Roxanna Panufnik



"A fascinating compendium, expertly executed", C.J
International Piano Magazine Choice

"stunningly performed by Clare Hammond", Ivan Moody
Gramophone UK

"a commandingly virtuosic performance", John Allison
BBC Music Magazine

"mit klug und spontan wirkendem", Peter Cossé
Klassik Heute

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

*"Elle excelle à installer dans chaque
pièce une ambiance"*,
Bertrand Boissard, **5 Diapasons**



Clare's second disc for BIS,
of études by **Unsk Chin**, Karol Szymanowski,
Sergei Lypaunov and
Nikolai Kapustin is due
for international release in
February 2015.

HIGHLIGHTS 2012-14

- Recital from the Wigmore Hall broadcast live by **BBC Radio 3** in April 2012 and her performance of Ravel's *Le Tombeau de Couperin* chosen as one of their **"Classical Highlights"** for the month.
- Debut recitals for **Chopin i jego Europa** 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', including recitals in Zakopane and Kalisz, and performances in Kalisz and Lublin of **Panufnik's Piano Concerto**.
- Regular appearances on **BBC Radio 3**, including return invitations to **In Tune** and a broadcast of 6 études by **Unsk Chin** for 'Hear and Now'.
- Clare is curating a chamber festival, **Panufnik 100: a family celebration** at Kings Place, London where she will perform with mezzo Heather Shipp, jazz singer Jacqui Dankworth and the **Brodsky Quartet**.
- **World premieres** of works by **John McCabe**, Arlene Sierra, Deborah Pritchard, Adam Gorb, Andrew Keeling, Robin Walker and **Edwin Roxburgh**.
- Return visits to give solo recitals at the **Bridgewater Hall** in Manchester and **Wigmore Hall** in London.
- Debut recitals in 2013 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.

PRESS

"displayed its scintillating passagework and poetic calm with great flair"
The Guardian, Cheltenham Festival, Rian Evans

*"... 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

SAMPLE PROGRAMMES

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

BACH
Toccatà in C minor, BWV 911 (10')

RAVEL
Sonatine (12')

BEETHOVEN
Sonata No. 8 in C minor, Op. 13 'Pathétique' (20')

INTERVAL

DEBUSSY
Estampes (12')
i. 'Pagodes', ii. 'La Soirée dans Grenade',
iii. 'Jardins sous la pluie'

MENDELSSOHN
Andante and Rondo Capriccioso (6')

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

Programme 2

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

SIBELIUS
Selection of *Impromptus*, Op. 5 (9')

RAVEL
Le Tombeau de Couperin (25')

INTERVAL

LYAPUNOV
Three *Études d'Exécution Transcendante* (16')

CHOPIN
Selection from *Études*, Op. 25 (18')

KAPUSTIN
Three Studies in Different Intervals (9')

Listen to audio demos of Lyapunov and Kapustin at:
www.clarehammond.com/etude.html

The first programme features two key works for piano by French composers: Debussy's *Estampes* and the *Sonatine* by Ravel. The poise and discipline of Ravel's music stands in contrast to the luxurious exoticism of Debussy's. Ravel's *Sonatine* and Bach's imposing Toccata in C minor precede Beethoven's turbulent 'Pathétique' sonata in the first half. Mendelssohn's witty *Andante and Rondo Capriccioso* appears in the second and is followed by an enduringly popular work, the sombre *Variations on a Corelli Theme* by Rachmaninov.

The second programme pairs movements from Couperin's *Pièces de Clavecin* with Ravel's *Le Tombeau de Couperin*, written in a neo-classical style as an eighteenth-century dance suite and dedicated to friends who were killed during the First World War. Sibelius's *Impromptus* form an intriguing and imaginative interlude. The second half is composed entirely of études. Clare's recording of those by Lyapunov and Kapustin for BIS Records is due for release in February 2015. Their fire and élan contrasts strongly with the more refined elegance of Chopin's studies.

"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**

"Hammond recalled both Myra Hess and Annie Fischer, great Beethoven pianists of bygone generations."

Terry Blain, **Culture Northern Ireland**