

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

HANDEL
Suite No. 6 in F sharp minor,
HWV 431 (10')

HAYES
'Purgatorio' (12') [WORLD PREMIERE]

TIPPETT
Sonata No. 2 (12')

INTERVAL

RAVEL
Sonatine (12')

MENDELSSOHN
Andante and Rondo Capriccioso (6')

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

Programme 2

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

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

INTERVAL

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

ADÈS
Mazurkas, Op. 27 (8')

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

*Listen to excerpts from Clare's performance of
Ravel's 'Tombeau' at:*

www.clarehammond.com/live-in-concert.html

The first programme comprises a dramatic first half with Handel's theatrical Suite in F sharp minor and Tippett's striking second piano sonata. Malcolm Hayes 'Purgatorio' is a superbly crafted work, inspired by Dante's *Divine Comedy*, which does full justice to the original in its breadth and intensity. In the second half, Ravel's elegant and poised *Sonatine* contrasts strongly with the lively wit of Mendelssohn's *Andante and Rondo Capriccioso* and the sombre dignity of Rachmaninov's Variations. Based on a well known Baroque dance melody, 'La Folia', used by Corelli, the latter is an enduringly popular work.

The second programme combines a Germanic first half with a Slavic second half. Bach's imposing Toccata in D minor opens the programme and is followed by Beethoven's uplifting and optimistic Sonata in E flat major. After the interval we hear two sets of Mazurkas, by Polish composer Szymanowski and British composer Thomas Adès. Medtner's intense *Sonata Romantica* brings the programme to a passionate close.

"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**

"skill, inspiration, clarity and an extraordinarily meticulous performance"

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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REVIEWS of 'Etude' and 'Reflections'

Clare's two discs with
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"unfaltering bravura and conviction"
Bryce Morrison, **Gramophone**

"style and substance", Fiona Maddocks, **The Observer**

"imagination and bravura"
Paul Driver, **The Sunday Times**

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

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

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


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



*"She excels at instilling each
piece with atmosphere"*,
Bertrand Boissard,
5 Diapasons

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

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Performing Philip Glass' etudes alongside the composer in April 2015 at the **Barbican Hall, London**.
- Debut recitals for **Chopin i jego Europa** and the **Warsaw Autumn International Festival of Contemporary Music** in Poland in 2014.
- 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**. 
- 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.
- Regular appearances on **BBC Radio 3**, including return invitations to **In Tune** and a broadcast of 6 études by **Unsuik Chin** for 'Hear and Now'.
- Clare co-curated the chamber festival, **Panufnik 100**, at Kings Place with the **Brodsky Quartet**.
- World premieres** of works by **John McCabe**, **Arlene Sierra**, **Adam Gorb** 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

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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