

OPUS 3 ARTISTS

presents

AFTER SILENCE

Voces8

Drop, Drop, Slow Tears	ORLANDO GIBBONS (1583–1625)
The Deer's Cry	ARVO PÄRT (b. 1935)
O Nata Lux	THOMAS TALLIS (1505–1585)
Regina Caeli á 8	TOMÁS LUIS DE VICTORIA (1548–1611)
Bogoroditse Devo	SERGEI RACHMANINOV (b. 1873–1943)
Nunc Dimittis	PAUL SMITH (b. 1981)
Laudate Dominum	LEVENTE GYÖNGYÖSI (b. 1975)
performed by the USC Chamber Singers	
Let My Love Be Heard	JAKE RUNESTAD (b. 1986)
featuring the USC Chamber Singers	
Hymn to St Cecilia	BENJAMIN BRITTEN (1913–1976)

Intermission

Weather permitting, please join us on the patio for refreshments and conversation

Book VI: Lagrime D'Amante al Sepolcro Dell'Amata (Sestina Madrigals)

1. Incenerite spoglie, avara tomba	
2. Ditelo, o fiumi, e voi ch'udiste Glauco	
3. Darà la notte il sol lume alla terra	
4. Ma te raccoglie, o ninfa, in grembo 'l ciel	
5. O chiome d'or, neve gentil del seno	
6. Dunque, amate reliquie, un mar di pianto	CLAUDIO MONTEVERDI (1567–1643)
Heyr, hymn smíður	ÞORKELL SIGURBJÖRNSSON (1938–2013)
Timshel	MUMFORD & SONS, arr. Jim Clements
Come Fly with Me (To the Moon)	BART HOWARD, JIMMY VAN HEUSEN, & SAMMY CAHN, arr. Alexander L'Estrange (1915–2004; 1913–1990; 1913–1993)
Underneath the Stars	KATE RUSBY, arr. Jim Clements (b. 1973)
Straighten Up and Fly Right	NAT 'KING' COLE, arr. Jim Clements (1919–1965)

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Andrea Haines & Molly Noon (soprano) + Katie Jeffries-Harris (alto) + Barnaby Smith (artistic director, countertenor)
Blake Morgan & Euan Williamson (tenor) + Christopher Moore & Jonathan Pacey (bass)

A Note on the Program

“After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music.” — Aldous Huxley

In the essay from which the title *After Silence* is taken, Aldous Huxley offers his thoughts on the essential force of music. The most profoundly significant constituents of our being, he says, include our responses to beauty, pleasure, pain, ecstasy, and death. These can best be ‘experienced, not expressed’ through silence, and after silence, through music. The choral works in this 15th-anniversary programme (to accompany the ensemble’s compendium album release) are exalted, vital, and freed from their original contextual restraints and are distinguishable by their inexhaustible capacity to express the inexpressible.

About Voces8

The British vocal ensemble VOCES8 is proud to inspire people through music and share the joy of singing. Touring globally, the group performs an extensive repertory both in its a cappella concerts and in collaborations with leading musicians, orchestras, conductors and soloists. Versatility and a celebration of diverse musical expression are central to the ensemble’s performance and education ethos which is shared both online and in person. VOCES8 is passionate about music education and is the flagship ensemble of the VOCES8 Foundation which actively promotes ‘Music Education For All’, reaching up to 40,000 people a year.

VOCES8 has performed at many notable venues since its inception in 2005 including Wigmore Hall, Elbphilharmonie Hamburg, Cité de la Musique Paris, Vienna Konzerthaus, Tokyo Opera City, NCPA Beijing, Sydney Opera House, Mariinsky Theatre Concert Hall, Victoria Concert Hall Singapore, Palacio de Bellas Artes Mexico City amongst many others. This season they perform over 100 concerts in the UK and across Europe, in Israel and the USA. The pandemic provided the impetus for 2 continuing initiatives: the VOCES8 Digital Academy, an online choral programme; and the LIVE From London digital festivals which to date has broadcast 70 concerts and sold 150,000 tickets in 75 countries. The ensemble is a Decca Classics artist and also releases projects on its own label, VOCES8 Records. The latest album is “Infinity” which reached the top of the classical charts on release. New projects with composers Christopher Tin, Eric Whitacre and Paul Simon are being recorded in 2022.

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Jo-Michael Scheibe, Conductor

Laura Leigh Spillane, Associate Conductor So Mang Jeagal, Assistant Conductor

Soprano I

Mariella Brady
Phoebe Rosquist
Laura Leigh Spillane
Anna Wright

Soprano II

Julia de la Rosa
Hannah McDonnell
Kyra Stahr
Rachel Tan
Shijia Ye

Alto I

Angelica Brooks
Ann Chen
Rosie Ding
Hyejin Jung

Alto II

Amy Cruz
Mary Elder
Katie Harrington
Hee Seong Lee
Grace Miedziak

Tenor I

Sam Avila
Marcus Desir
Daniel Montes de Oca Tellez
Yen-Hsiang Nieh
Daniel Voigt

Tenor II

Austin Crawford
Stevie Hirner
Daniel Leese
Kyle Tolbert

Bariton

Koji Sakano
Connor Scott
Yu Hang Tan
Duncan Tuomi

Bass II

Kevin Allen
Hsin-Yu Hung
Jordan Jones
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