

HOME COMING

Biber
Guardian Angel
solo violin

R.V. Williams
Along the field
voice and violin

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The Lark Ascending 15'
violin and piano

D. Pritchard
Commission
voice, violin and piano

INTERVAL

J. S. Bach
Erbarme dich 11'
voice, violin and piano

Bloch Baal Shem
'3 pictures of Hasidic life' 15'
violin and piano

Schubert
Hirt auf dem Felsen 12'30
arr. voice, violin and piano



RUBY HUGHES soprano
TAMSIN WALEY-COHEN violin
HUW WATKINS Piano

INTRODUCTION

TAMSIN WALEY-COHEN

Our Homecoming programme grew from discussions with Tamsin Waley Cohen and Huw Watkins around the idea of Home – *What does home mean? Where does a feeling of home come from? Why does it matter?*

Like so many essential elements of life, while home may be a universal concept, it is paradoxically surely different for every one of us too. Through the music we have chosen for this programme, we have tried to incorporate ideas of our own cultural identities, displacement, nostalgia, the courage to build a new home, and the question of whether home comes from within us, those around us, or is rooted in a sense of belonging to a particular land. As we live through the biggest global refugee crisis in history, this painful reality cannot be ignored when we explore the idea of Home.

Deborah Pritchard's new work "Liberty" explores ideas of hope and freedom as essential to creating a sense of home from within, and the deep spirituality of her work emphasises these essential human rights.

Woven throughout the programme are references to ancient folk songs, grounding us to generation past, present, and future, as well as music which gives us personally a sense of nurturing homeliness.

REVIEWS

"Ruby Hughes is increasingly proving to be a key singer of the early 21st century."

Klassik Musik Magazine (5*)

"[Hughes'] is a voice of expressive tenderness so well suited to this hour-long collection of century-spanning songs, that it's hard to imagine a singer better matched to the purpose."

Opera Today

"Waley-Cohen's playing is radiant and soaring"

The Sunday Times

"Watkins's accompaniment is purposefully sparse, it seems, to really let the soloist come through; the care with which he plays and aligns each note with the singer's, however, is not to be overlooked."

The Classic Review

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