

# Red House Recital: Britten's Birthday

**Francesca Chiejina** soprano  
**Nancy Holt** mezzo-soprano  
**Natalie Burch** piano

**Joanna Ward** composer  
**William Marsey** composer

**Benjamin Britten** (1913–1976)

On This Island, Op.11 (1937) · text: W.H. Auden (1907–1973)

1. *Let the florid music praise*

4'

**Joanna Ward** (b.1998)

SUMMER DRESSES / STRANGER-FRIENDS (bean piece 5) (2022) · text: Laurie Ward

7'

**Gerald Finzi** (1901–1956)

Before and After Summer, Op.16 (1949) · text: Thomas Hardy (1840–1928)

1. *Childhood among the Ferns*

4. *Overlooking the River*

5. *Channel Firing*

7. *The Too Short Time*

9. *Amabel*

19'

**William Marsey** (b.1989)

Removal and Other Powers (2022) · text: 2014 UK immigration bill, extracts

8'

**Benjamin Britten**

On This Island · text: W.H. Auden

4. *Nocturne*

5. *As it is, plenty*

4'

2'