

Monday 16 June 10.30am Jubilee Hall, Aldeburgh

Creative Discussion: Speak of the North

Claire Booth soprano

Gavin Higgins composer

Katrina Porteous poet

Prof. Julian Wright historian

Poet Katrina Porteous, composer Gavin Higgins, soprano Claire Booth, and historian Julian Wright ask wider questions about what 'North' means to us. As well as introducing Gavin Higgins' new songbook *Speak of the North*, the conversation draws on the creative response of word, music, and song, that each of our panellists brings to the deeper question of how we respond to the idea of 'North'.

With that inward search for personal meanings of 'North' in our minds, audience members will be invited to reflect personally, finding their own words to evoke memories or meanings.

After a short break, everyone will participate in a creative workshop, working with Julian and Katrina to develop their own responses to the prompt 'Speak of the North'. The epigrams, poems, short paragraphs, or musings we produce together will be collected in a special Community Book that will accompany Gavin Higgins' song cycle as it tours to festivals and venues in the future.

Duration: approx 120'
including a short interval