

Tuesday 17 June 3pm Britten Studio

# The Idea of North: Grieg, Grainger and Gavin Higgins

**Claire Booth** soprano

**Tamsin Waley-Cohen** violin

**Christopher Glynn** piano

**Edvard Grieg** (1843–1907)

Violin Sonata No.2 in G, Op.13 (1867)

20'

- i. Lento doloroso – Allegro vivace
- ii. Allegretto tranquillo
- iii. Allegro animato

Haugtussa (The Mountain Girl), Op.67 (1895) · text: Arne Garborg (1851–1924)

22'

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| 1. Det syng (The Enticement)  | 5. Elsk (Love)                     |
| 2. Veslemøy (Young Maiden)    | 6. Killingdans (Kidlings' Dance)   |
| 3. Blåbærli (Blueberry Slope) | 7. Vond dag (Hurtful Day)          |
| 4. Møte (The Tryst)           | 8. Ved Gjøtø-Bekken (At the Brook) |

INTERVAL

**Percy Grainger** (1882–1961)

Folksong arrangements:

20'

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| 1. Molly on the Shore (arr. Kreisler) | 3. A Sprig of Thyme    |
| 2. Died for Love                      | 4. Bold William Taylor |

**Gavin Higgins** (b.1983)

Speak of the North (2025), world premiere

30'

1. Speak of the North · Charlotte Brontë (1816–1855)
2. The North Wind · Anne Brontë (1820–1849)
3. Awaken on all my dear moorlands · Emily Brontë (1818–1848)
4. Great Northern Diver · Michael Symmons Roberts (b.1968)
5. Sedimentary · Katrina Porteous (b.1960)
6. Sycamore Gap · Zoe Mitchell
7. Two Countries · Katrina Porteous
8. Sair fyel'd hinny · traditional Northumbrian
9. Offcomer · Katie Hale (b.1990)
10. How good it sounded · Tony Williams (b.1977)
11. Here's the tender coming · traditional Northumbrian

Gavin Higgins' 'Speak of the North' is a Britten Pears Arts co-commission with Ryedale Festival, Two Moors Festivals and Sheffield Chamber Music Festival

**Duration: approx 120'**, including an interval of 20'

This performance is surtitled: Haugtussa translation  
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