



Press Release

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Britten Sinfonia, with Mark Padmore and Pekka Kuusisto Britten in America

Featuring a new work by Nico Muhly

Britten Sinfonia journeys across the Atlantic – and back again – in a programme which features works by Purcell, Tippett, Benjamin Britten, John Adams, Steve Reich and a new work by Nico Muhly.

Mark Padmore returns to Britten Sinfonia after an acclaimed association last season performing Britten's *Nocturne*, paired with the exuberant, charismatic young Finnish violinist **Pekka Kuusisto** (also making a welcome return to the orchestra).

Impossible Things, Muhly's settings of Daniel Mendelsohn's* new translations of poems by the Greek writer Constantine Cavafy (1863-1933), is scored for tenor, violin and string orchestra. The work, a co-commission between the Eindhoven Muziekcentrum, Tapiola Sinfonietta and Britten Sinfonia, receives its world premiere in Eindhoven on 27 January. A subsequent thirteen-date tour of Holland, Austria and the UK includes performances at West Road Concert Hall on Friday 5 February and at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on Monday 8 February. Full tour dates and box office details are included at the end of this release.

Nico Muhly, Pekka Kuusisto and Mark Padmore are in conversation in pre-concert events in Cambridge, Norwich and London, and head to the foyers of the QEH post-concert on 8 February for an informal and intimate late night event (10-11pm).

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*Daniel Mendelsohn is the author of international bestseller *The Lost: A Search for Six of Six Million*, about his world-wide search for information about the fates of six relatives who perished in the Holocaust

Britten in America – 27 January – 12 February

Pekka Kuusisto
Mark Padmore
Jacqueline Shave

violin/director
tenor/director
violin

Purcell
Purcell
Purcell
Tippett
Britten
Steve Reich
Nico Muhly
John Adams

Fantasia VII in C Minor
Let the Night Perish (Job's Curse)
Fantasia XIII in F 'Upon on Note'
A Lament, from Divertimento on "Sellinger's Round"
Les Illuminations
Duet
New work (world premiere tour)
Shaker Loops

Wednesday 27 January at 8.15pm
Eindhoven, Muziekcentrum Frits Philips
www.muziekcentrum.nl

Sunday 07 February at 3.00pm
Dartington, Great Hall
Box Office: 01803 847070

Thursday 28 January at 8.15pm
Rotterdam, De Doelen
www.dedoelen.nl

Monday 08 February at 7.30pm
London, Southbank Centre's Queen
Elizabeth Hall
Tickets £10-£30
Box Office: 0871 663 2500

Friday 29 January at 8.30pm
Tilburg, Concertzaal
www.theaterstilburg.nl

Tuesday 09 February at 7.30pm
Cockermouth, United Reform Church
Tickets: £7, £10
Box Office: 01697 371397

Saturday 30 January at 8.00pm
Enschede, Muziekcentrum
www.podiumtwente.nl

Thursday 11 February at 8.00pm
Southampton, Turner Sims Concert Hall
Box Office: 023 8059 5151

Sunday 31 January at 8.15pm
Amsterdam, Concertgebouw
www.concertgebouw.nl

Tuesday 02 February at 8.00pm
Innsbruck, Congress, Saal Tirol
www.congress-innsbruck.at

Friday 12 February at 7.30pm
Norwich, Theatre Royal
Tickets: £6-£22
Box Office: 01603 63000

Friday 05 February at 8.00pm
Cambridge, West Road Concert Hall
Tickets: £15-£29
Box Office: 01223 357851
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Saturday 06 February at 7.30pm
Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire Music Centre
Box Office: 01225 860100

