

Stonewall Warriors

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots

MEDIEVAL LOVE

O Virtus Sapientae (O Virtue of Wisdom)

Music: Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179) Arr: Cheryl Lynn Helm (b. 1957), Text: Sacred chant

Heaven-Haven (A Nun Takes the Veil)

Music: Samuel Barber (1910-1981), Text: Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889)

Nigra Sum Sed Formosa

Music: Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611), Text: Song of Solomon

THE AGE OF SHAKESPEARE AND MICHELANGELO

A Woman's Face (Sonnet 20)

Music: Rufus Wainwright (b. 1973), Text: Shakespeare (1564-1616), Arr. Dominic Ellis-Peckham

Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer's Day (Sonnet 18)

Music: Nils Lindberg (b. 1933), Text: Shakespeare

THE AGE OF OSCAR WILDE

The Crown of Thorns

Music: Pyotr Illych Tchaikovsky (1840-1893), Text: Richard Henry Stoddard (1825-1903)

Les Fleurs et Le Arbres (The flowers and the trees console our pain)

Music: Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921), Text: Anon

INTERVAL

THE ROAD TO STONEWALL

Hymn to St Cecilia

Music: Benjamin Britten (1913-1976), Text: W.H. Auden (1907-1973)

I Am Like Many

Music: Stuart Beatch (b. 1991), Text: adapted by the composer from 19th and 20th c. sources

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Panda Chant II

Music and Text: Meredith Monk (b. 1942)

Help Us O Lord

Music: Aaron Copland (1900-1990), Text: Biblical

This Marriage

Music: Ed Rex; Text: Jalal ad-Din Rumi (1207-1273), trans. Kabir Helminski

Take the A Train

Music and Text: Billy Strayhorn (1915-1967), Arr. Clare Wheeler

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Domininc Ellis-Peckham

Musical Director of The Fourth Choir, The London Oriana Choir and the Chamber Choir of London, Guest Conductor for The Royal Opera House, Assistant Music Director of The National Youth Choirs of Great Britain, Artistic Director of The Ulster Youth Choir and Guest Conductor for Trinity Laban College of Music and Aldeburgh Music. Chorus Master for English National Opera and Opera Holland Park.



Séamus Rea

Séamus started his professional life as a theatre director specialising in opera. He worked at Covent Garden, Opera North and Scottish Opera, in Ireland at the Belfast Opera House, the Wexford Opera Festival and Castleward Opera and directed productions for Trinity College of Music and Oxford University Opera Club.



Jonathan Blake

Actor from The Grass is Always Greener, activist and early HIV survivor



Mzz Kimberly

Actress, cover girl, cabaret singer and activist, from London's theatres & clubs to the USA sitcom The Finellis



Annette Badland

Actress from Dr Who, Shakespeare's Globe, Midsomer Murders, Outlander, EastEnders



Sanchia McCormac

Actress from Dr Who, Shakespeare's Globe, Wallander, The Tunnel, Broadchurch

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