



Clare Hammond

piano

“a pianist of extraordinary gifts” **Gramophone**
“shimmering pianism and lightly-worn virtuosity” **BBC Music Magazine**

CHILDREN'S CONCERT “Musical Explorers”

Can be adapted for children aged 4-18 and mixed audiences of children and adults.

Pianist Clare Hammond presents a programme designed to delight children and adults alike. As she performs a selection of captivating short pieces, Clare will tell the stories that lie behind the music, ask the audience to solve puzzles, and play musical games. Eavesdrop on an aristocratic eighteenth-century soirée with Montgeroult, be astounded by Unsuk Chin's superhuman invention, and spooked by WG Still's sinister *Fairy Knoll*. This programme spans four centuries, three continents and numerous musical styles, opening the ears of both young and old to unfamiliar sounds in entertaining and stimulating ways.

Acclaimed as a pianist of “amazing power and panache” (*The Telegraph*), Clare Hammond is recognised for the virtuosity and authority of her performances and has developed a “reputation for brilliantly imaginative concert programmes” (*BBC Music Magazine*, ‘Rising Star’). In 2016, she won the Royal Philharmonic Society's 'Young Artist Award' in recognition of outstanding achievements and in 2020 was engaged to perform at the International Piano Series (Southbank Centre).

Over the past few years, Clare has performed to more than 5,000 schoolchildren in association with Gloucestershire Music and Wye Valley Music, and has played to mixed audiences at the Hebden Bridge Piano Festival, Bledington Festival and Newburyport Chamber Music Festival (USA). An engaging and inspiring communicator, she guides her audiences through the music allowing them to let their imaginations run wild.

SAMPLE PROGRAMME

Can be adapted to last between 25 and 50 minutes

Hélène de Montgeroult - 3 Etudes (1788-1812, 4'30)

Unsuk Chin - Toccata (2003, 3')

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart - Variations on 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star' (1785, 7')

William Grant Still - *Fairy Knoll* (1944, 3')

Demonstration - how the piano works

Sergei Rachmaninov - Sonata No. 2 in B flat minor, Op. 36, movement 2 (1931, 5')

More information available online at:

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