

## Ilkley Concert Club Afternoon Concerts

Thursday 2 November 2023

### Cantelina

**Sophie Clarke mezzo soprano Ravi Nathwani guitar**

John Dowland 1563 - 1626

**Come Again Sweet Love**

Franz Schubert 1797 - 1828

**Serenade**

John William Duarte 1919 - 2004

**An epitaph from Five Quiet Songs**

Heitor Villa-Lobos 1887 - 1959

**Bachianas Brasileiras No 5**

Manuel De Falla 1876 - 1946

**Siete Canciones Populares Españolas**

*i. El paño moruno      iii. Asturiana*

*iv. Jota                  vii. Polo*

Henry Mancini 1924 - 1994

**Moon River**

### Olias Saxophone Quartet

**Sam Nuttall      Nick Rushworth**

**Fred Donlon-Mansbridge      Matthew Haworth**

Will Gregory 1959 -

**High Life**

Guillermo Lago 1960 -

**Ciudades**

*Köln      Addis Ababa*

Yanka Rupkina 1938 -

**Kalimanku Denku**

Graham Fitkin 1963 -

**Hurl**

**Cantelina: Sophie Clarke mezzo Ravi Nathwani guitar**

**Sophie Clarke** is a 24 year old mezzo soprano and actor from Liverpool and has been awarded the Hargreaves and Ball Scholarship to study for a Masters degree in Classical Singing and Opera at the RNCM with Yvonne Howard and Louise Winter. She won the RNCM Song Cycle Competition for 2023.

Performance highlights in recent years include alto soloist in Handel's *Messiah* in Nottingham, the mezzo soprano soloist in Bernstein's *Mass* conducted by Marin Alsop at the Royal Festival Hall, and singing in the world premiere of Wigglesworth's *Magnificat* in Bergen conducted by Edward Gardner. In 2023, Sophie will perform the role in Bernstein's *Mass* again, this time for the Manchester Premiere at Bridgewater Hall.

Born in Reading, **Ravi Nathwani** is an exciting young British Asian guitarist currently studying for a Master's degree at the RNCM under guitarist Craig Ogden, supported by a Help Musicians UK Postgraduate Award.

During his time at college he has performed extensively, giving solo and chamber performances at a wide range of venues. In the final year of his undergraduate degree Ravi was invited to perform *Rain* for soprano, flute, guitar and electronics, by the Icelandic composer, Anna Thorvaldsdottir in a festival dedicated to her music at the RNCM.

An accomplished chamber musician, Ravi currently has three duo collaborations: with violin, soprano and with guitar.

**Olias Saxophone Quartet: Samuel Nutall soprano saxophone**

**Nicholas Rushworth alto saxophone Frederic Donlon-Mansbridge tenor saxophone Matthew Haworth baritone saxophone**

The Olias Saxophone Quartet met at the RNCM in September 2021. With members from across the country, the quartet have thoroughly enjoyed collaborating and fusing their different musical tastes, backgrounds, influences and enjoyments. Collectively they share a passion for all types of saxophone quartet repertoire and music, most of which many audiences rarely get the chance to experience.

Through studying at the RNCM the quartet have the guidance of Andy Scott, Rob Buckland and Carl Raven, who form 3/4 of one of the world's most renowned saxophone quartets, the Apollo Saxophone Quartet. They are excited for what the future holds and for upcoming opportunities, including the performance of a world premiere with the RNCM's Brand New Orchestra.

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