

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

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Tuesday 25 January 2022

Llŷr Williams, *piano*

A co-production with BBC Radio 3

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Haydn	Piano Sonata in C major Hob XVI:48 <i>Andante con espressione, Rondo (Presto)</i>
Ravel	Menuet sur le nom de Haydn
Debussy	Hommage à Haydn
Poulenc	Novelette in C major FP.47 No 1
Poulenc	Novelette in B flat minor FP.47 No 2
Mozart	Fantasia in C minor K475
Mozart	Piano Sonata No 14 in C minor K457 <i>Allegro Molto, Adagio, Allegro assai</i>

Llŷr Williams

Welsh pianist Llŷr Williams is widely admired for his profound musical intelligence, and for the expressive and communicative nature of his interpretations. An acclaimed performer of Beethoven, he has several complete sonata cycles under his belt, including at Perth Concert Hall, Wigmore Hall and the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. He has also performed multi-recital series of the music of Schubert and Chopin. Williams regularly appears at all major UK recital venues and Festivals and with the major UK orchestras; you might recognise him from his partnerships with BBC National Orchestra of Wales, with whom he has performed concertos ranging from Mozart and Beethoven to Bartók and Mathias.

The 2021-22 season sees Williams return to the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and BBC National Orchestra of Wales, as well as his return to North America. The season also includes Williams's debut in Madrid at the Fundación Juan March, and the continuation of a 6-recital Chopin series at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

Williams also performed a number of recitals for streaming and broadcast in 2020, including a full Beethoven cycle at the Festival Cultural de Mayo in Guadalajara, Mexico in May. In 2020-21 he also returned to Wigmore Hall for two streamed recitals, and he also recorded a number of performances for BBC Radio 3, both solo and with the BBC National orchestra of Wales.

Llŷr Williams' discography reflects his long association with Signum Records; November 2020 saw the release of an 8-disc box-set *A Schubert Journey*. Other recordings by Williams on Signum include a *Wagner Without Words* double album (2014) and highlights from Liszt's *Années de pèlerinage* (2012). He has also recorded William Mathias' second Piano Concerto with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, as well as works by Welsh composers for the Tŷ Cerdd label.

A former BBC New Generation Artist and Borletti-Buitoni Trust award winner, Llŷr Williams was born in Pentrebychan, North Wales, and read music at The Queen's College, Oxford before taking up a postgraduate scholarship at the Royal Academy of Music. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, and in 2017 was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Wales. He is also currently Artist-in-Association at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

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