

Penelope Thwaites

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Solo Piano



Penelope Thwaites has performed and broadcast in over twenty-five countries on five continents. She has appeared as soloist with the Philharmonia, London Philharmonic Orchestra, City of London Sinfonia, BBC Concert Orchestra Rotterdam Philharmonic among others. Her solo recitals continue to win high praise.

She is recognised world-wide as a leading exponent of Percy Grainger's music, with an unequalled experience of recording and performing this fascinating repertoire. A compelling artist in both music and words, she has revealed a world of Grainger's music that is largely unknown. Audiences love her spoken introductions to programmes which give an added to dimension to the music.

"Haydn...as absorbing as it was sublime...Grainger, positive and heart-warming...perfectly articulated Debussy served with lashing of impressionistic panache" **Musical Opinion**

"Penelope Thwaites is a leading Grainger authority...she is a feisty pianist and natural with it"
BBC Music Magazine

"A formidable pianist, always imbuing her playing with a colourful palette of mood and tone"
Music Web

In their exciting duo partnership, **Penelope Thwaites** and **John Lavender** have achieved an uncanny fusion of personal styles, their programmes embracing repertoire ranging from Bach and Mozart to Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff and Gershwin.

They have performed many programmes of Australian music and are pre-eminent in the four-hand works of Percy Grainger, all of which they have recorded, as well as a disc of Grainger's multi-handed music with Wayne Marshall and others.

Two Pianos

Penelope Thwaites
& John Lavender



"These CDs set feet tapping and hearts bounding...buy and treasure them" **Musical Times**

"A Pair of Aces... It would be hard to imagine more sympathetic performances than these"
BBC Music Magazine

Programmes for 2010-11 and 2011-12

Solo Piano

The Inimitable Percy Grainger

To include - Paraphrase on Tchaikovsky's Flower Waltz, Irish Tune from County Derry and Bridal Lullaby, Handel in the Strand.

"An outstanding pianist and witty lecturer, her formidable execution and verve consolidated the character and ingenuity of the man" **Windsor Express**

Grainger & his world

Bach/Liszt, Grieg, Cyril Scott, Chopin, Debussy

"An absorbing recital... interesting harmony and unexpected textures were sensitively handled... thickly clustered notes were masterfully deployed" **The Times**

Travelling Between Worlds

Bach, Haydn, Schubert, Schumann, Brahms, Chopin, Debussy
- a programme based on Penelope Thwaites' latest CD for *LIR Classics*



"Deliciously poetic approach to Chopin's imaginative pianism..a collection of first-rate performances using her considerable pianistic musicianship..I cannot fault a single piece - highly recommended" **Musical Opinion**

Two Pianos

Penelope Thwaites & John Lavender

A Portrait of Percy Grainger

To include – Suite: In A Nutshell, Shepherd's Hey and Fantasy on Gershwin's 'Porgy & Bess'.

"Inspirited and polyphonically radiant performances" **The Times**

Mixed Repertoire Programme

Rachmaninov, Shostakovich, Tchaikovsky and Brahms
and including a thrilling new arrangement of Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*.

"Their musicianship and understanding of the music as well as the level of technical brilliance was quite dazzling" **Musica Viva Tour, Australia.**

Additional programmes...

Penelope Thwaites piano

Rohan de Saram cello

An exciting new duo

Grainger and Friends

Grieg, Delius, Sandby and Others

Mixed Repertoire programme

Beethoven, Brahms, Grieg, Sibelius



Thwaites Piano Trio

Dima Tkachenko, Marie Macleod, Penelope Thwaites



Special centenary programme:

William Leonard Reed (1910-2002)

An Englishman & his Music

This rich programme was given with great success at the Wigmore Hall and includes Reed's dramatic Piano Trio together with works by Rachmaninov, Grainger, Delius, and Mendelssohn. The Trio has also performed at St John's, Smith Square & on BBC Radio 3.

Song Recitals

James Gilchrist
tenor



Stephen Varcoe
baritone



Penelope Thwaites
piano



The composer through his songs – hilarious, heart-rending, soul-stirring

Vaughan-Williams - Singing the Story

Programmes tracing the composer's life and including the two major song cycles as well as songs by seventeen associated composers.

Unto Brigg Fair

Illustrated Grainger Song Programme

“An enthralling programme of Grainger's songs” **The Independent**

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