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Lucy Parham returns with her Composer Portraits Series, which combines letters and diaries of great composers with some of their most poignant piano compositions.



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LUCY PARHAM'S SHEAFFER SUNDAYS MATINEES

I am delighted to return to St John's Smith Square with my second series of Sheaffer Sunday Matinees. All five of my Composer Portraits feature an immersive and moving narrative, and all of them have piano masterpieces at their heart.

It is always inspirational for me to work with such acclaimed actors and I hope you will join us on this journey through the lives and loves of these great composers.

Lucy Parham



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BELOVED CLARA

Lucy Parham PIANO

Dame Harriet Walter NARRATOR

Tim McInnerny NARRATOR

Lucy Parham's original Composer Portrait: 'Beloved Clara', is a compelling study of the passionate relationship between Robert Schumann and his pianist wife Clara – both close friends of Johannes Brahms. It amalgamates letters, diaries and piano works by all three protagonists.

There will be a post-concert Q&A with Sarah Walker from BBC Radio 3.

Sun 24 September 2017 3.00pm

£25 (£15), YF

Dame Harriet Walter



Tim McInnerny





Alex Jennings

NOCTURNE: THE ROMANTIC LIFE OF CHOPIN

Lucy Parham PIANO
Patricia Hodge NARRATOR
Alex Jennings NARRATOR

The story of the tender, yet volatile relationship between Frédéric Chopin and the novelist George Sand is told through extracts from their letters and diaries, counterpointed with some of the composer's best-loved works.

There will be a post-concert Q&A with Matthew Stadlen (LBC Presenter and Journalist).

Sun 29 October 2017 3.00pm
£25 (£15), YF

RÊVERIE: THE LIFE & LOVES OF DEBUSSY

Lucy Parham PIANO
Simon Russell Beale NARRATOR

Celebrating the centenary of Claude Debussy, *Rêverie* evokes his complex emotional life through a personal and revealing journal, illuminated by a sequence of his most famous and atmospheric works for piano.

There will be post-concert Q&A with Clemency Burton-Hill from BBC Radio 3.

Sun 28 January 2018 3.00pm
£25 (£15), YF



Simon Russell Beale



ODYSSEY OF LOVE: LISZT & HIS WOMEN

Lucy Parham PIANO
Joanna David NARRATOR
Robert Glenister NARRATOR

The colourful life of the extraordinary Franz Liszt took him from child prodigy to living legend. *Odyssey of Love* focuses on the two greatest romances of this tempestuous genius.

There will be a post-concert Q&A with Sean Rafferty from BBC Radio 3 In Tune.

Sun 4 March 2018 3.00pm
£25 (£15), YF



Robert Glenister

ELÉGIE: RACHMANINOFF; A HEART IN EXILE

Lucy Parham PIANO
Henry Goodman NARRATOR

Lucy Parham's most recent *Composer Portrait*, *Elégie*, chronicles Rachmaninoff's exile from Russia and the enduring longing for his homeland. It features much of his finest and poignant solo piano music. This concert marks the London premiere of this new, full-length edition of *Elegie: Rachmaninoff; A Heart in Exile*.

There will be a post-concert Q&A with Richard Heason, Director of St John's Smith Square.

Sun 15 April 2018 3.00pm
£25 (£15), YF



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