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Songs for the Soul

Psalms, Folk Songs, Spirituals

THURSDAY

13 JUNE 2024 | 19:30

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Orlando's summer programme looks at psalms, folk songs and spirituals settings from Great Britain and America.

At the heart of this programme are the five spirituals from Michael Tippett's oratorio *A Child of our Time*, which was written in the aftermath of Kristallnacht as an expression of Tippett's pacifism and support for oppressed people throughout the world. The spirituals serve a similar purpose in the piece to the chorales in Bach's Passions: they are unifying moments of collectivity, as are the hymns, psalms and folksongs that appear in this programme. Tippett was inspired by composers such as Tallis and Purcell, whose moving psalm settings we will present. We will perform Undine Smith Moore's spiritual *Daniel, Daniel, Servant of the Lord*, and folksong settings and partsongs by Holst, Elgar and Stanford to end this programme, which we hope will be a balm to the soul in troubled times.

Billings *When Jesus wept*

Purcell *I will sing unto the Lord*

Tallis *In pace in idipsum*

Tippett *Five Spirituals*

Purcell *O be joyful in the Lord*

Purcell *I was glad when they said unto me*

Purcell *Hear my prayer, o Lord*

Byrd *Laetentur coeli*

Byrd *Exsurge Domine*

Billings *Creation*

Smith Moore *Daniel, Daniel, Servant of the Lord*

Holst *I love my love*

Holst *There was a tree*

Holst *Lisa Lân*

Elgar *There is sweet music*

Elgar *My love dwelt in a Northern land*

Stanford *Quick! We have but a second*