

# BLACKHEATH HALLS

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## FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

Curated by leading young pianist and song advocate, Jocelyn Freeman, this series features Russian repertoire in programmes that explore the cultural and political links between the former Soviet Union and Europe, and in keeping with the Halls' connections features songs from across Prokofiev's output.



### ROLES OF WOMEN

SUN 27 JAN 7.30pm

Recital Room

TICKETS: £15 | £12 conc.

Elin Manahan Thomas

soprano

Jocelyn Freeman piano

This programme will include works by female Welsh composers, Dilys Elwyn-Edwards and Morfydd Owen, alongside Stravinsky, Prokofiev's *Anna Akhmatova* settings and crowned by Schumann's *Frauenliebe und leben*.

Pre-concert talk 6.15pm with Philip Ross Bullock and Richard Stokes.



### THE FIRE OF LOVE

SUN 24 FEB 3pm

Recital Room

TICKETS: £10 | £8 conc.

Stuart Jackson tenor

Jocelyn Freeman piano

The passion of Liszt's *Petrarch Sonnets* is complimented by light-hearted serenades by Tosti. In contrast, the depth and earnest of Britten's *Canticle 1* flows into humorous folksong settings by Prokofiev, and this recital culminates in colourful *Romances* by Rachmaninov.



### SECRET TREATIES

SUN 31 MAR 3pm

Recital Room

TICKETS: £10 | £8 conc.

Anna Sideris soprano

Jocelyn Freeman piano

This programme pays homage to the secret Franco-Russian treaty, Dual Alliance in this, the 125th anniversary of its formation. The arrangement paved the way for a very fruitful exchange of arts and culture. Works by Wolf, Rachmaninov Rimsky-Korsakov and Prokofiev frame Faure's *Cinq Melodies de Venice Op.58* and Poulenc's tragic *La*



### BETWEEN WAR AND PEACE

SUN 28 APR 3pm

Recital Room

TICKETS: £10 | £8 conc.

Gareth Brynmor John

baritone

Jocelyn Freeman piano

A programme of epic tales of battle contrasted with intimate love and harmony. Ballades and Romances by Robert Schumann are juxtaposed with exuberant, romantic and dramatic settings by Rachmaninov, Shostakovich, Mussorgsky and Prokofiev, with texts in German and Russian by Heine, Goethe, Tolstoy and Pushkin.



SongEaselplus: Back to the drawing board!

## About SongEasel

*SongEasel* was founded by pianist Jocelyn Freeman with a strong vision to provide a platform for world-class song in South East London. It is built on a burning passion to share wonderful music; to be emotionally moved by art; and to experience the best that life can offer!

[www.jocelynfreeman.co.uk/#SongEasel](http://www.jocelynfreeman.co.uk/#SongEasel)

## SongEaselplus presents... From Russia with Love

These themed song recitals take place at St Laurence Church, Catford, SE6 2TS on Sundays at 12noon and are open to all. We explore standard song repertoire alongside performers of all ages from the Choir of St Laurence.

The recitals are introduced in an accessible, friendly and informal manner and feature leading young professional performers singing in English, French, German, Italian and Russian. Free entry, with retiring collection.



### FLOWERS

SUN 7 APR 12noon

Katharine Dain  
soprano  
Jocelyn Freeman  
piano  
The Choir of St Laurence



### YIN AND YANG

SUN 5 MAY 12.15pm

Paul Carey Jones  
bass baritone  
Jocelyn Freeman  
piano  
The Choir of St Laurence



### THE STRATOSPHERE

SUN 2 JUN 12.15pm

Iestyn Morris  
countertenor  
Jocelyn Freeman  
piano  
The Choir of St Laurence



### SUMMER NIGHTS

SUN 7 JUL 12.15pm

Julien Van Mellaerts  
baritone  
Jocelyn Freeman  
piano  
The Choir of St Laurence

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