

QUINES: Celebrating Scotland's Women

60min programme (no interval)

Claire Liddell (b. 1937)

Five Orkney Scenes (1975)

- i. Old Fisherman with Guitar*
- ii. Country Girl*
- iii. Beachcomber*
- iv. Fisherman's Bride*
- v. Roads*

Texts by George MacKay Brown

Marie Dare (1902-76)

The Spanish Shawl

arr. for accordion and piano

Isobel Dunlop (1901-75)

Six Songs

- i. Evening Star*
- ii. The Bairn*
- iii. The Gowk*
- iv. The Tryst*
- v. The Keekin Glass*
- vi. At Tibbermuir*

Texts by William Soutar

Helen Hopekirk (1856-1945)

Serenade in F# Major (1891)

for solo piano

Lisa Robertson (b. 1993)

Quines

- i. Diva*
- ii. Ma Ain Country*
- iii. Horsehead Nebula Speaks*
- iv. Òran/Song*
- v. The Flying of the Red Shoes and the Blue Shoes*

Text by Gerda Stevenson

Programme Overview

The Bubblyjock Collective present 'QUINES', a programme celebrating female Scottish composers and neglected women from Scottish history. It features works by **Isobel Dunlop (1901-1975)**, **Marie Dare (1902-1976)**, **Helen Hopekirk (1856-1945)** and **Claire Liddell (b. 1937)**, three extraordinary women whose music has not previously received the attention it deserves. At the heart of the programme is a newly commissioned song-cycle by **Lisa Robertson**, which sets texts from **Gerda Stevenson's** QUINES poetry collection, written in the voices of neglected women from Scottish history.

The five women brought to life in the new song cycle are:

- **Mary Garden (1874-1967)**, born Aberdeen, died Inverurie; world-renowned opera-singer ; the first to create many leading roles in new operas, including those by Debussy, Massenet and Prokofiev
- **Williamina Patting Fleming (1857-1911)**, born Dundee, died Boston; astronomer; received numerous international honours; her name was eliminated from Harvard's list of astrological discoveries, denying her credit for discovering Horsehead Nebula
- **Màiri Mhòr nan Òran (1821-98)**, from the Isle of Skye; Gaelic poet, singer-songwriter, and bard of the Highland Land League; falsely accused and imprisoned for theft
- **Violet Jacob (1863-1946)**, from the County of Angus; novelist, poet, essayist, short story writer, and botanical artist; travelled widely abroad; her only child, a son, died in WW1
- **Moirà Shearer (1926-2006)**, born Dunfermline, died Oxford; internationally renowned ballerina and actress, famous for her starring role in the legendary ballet film *The Red Shoes*

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