

SHAKESPEARE IN MUSIC FESTIVAL
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Singing Shakespeare

Dr Katy Hamilton explores the rich legacy of Shakespearean song settings over the past few centuries, from German-language Lieder and French mélodies to music from Britain and America. How much do these songs reveal about the plays from which they are taken? And how much do the settings tell us about the composers who made them? Dr. Hamilton will give an illuminating talk on Singing Shakespeare, revealing the subtle - and not so subtle - influences of different composers and performers in the Art Song tradition based on Shakespearean texts.



Katy Hamilton is a researcher, writer and presenter on music. She is one of the UK's most sought-after speakers on music, providing talks for a host of organisations including the Wigmore Hall, Southbank Centre, BBC Proms, Ryedale Festival and the Oxford International Song Festival. In addition, she is a frequent contributor to BBC Radio 3 and BBC Music Magazine.

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