

WEDNESDAY
4 JANUARY 2017
7.30PM

MUSIC

**ON THE BRINK OF
DESTRUCTION**

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Narrated by Shirli Gilbert

Cantata: Chad gadya
The Clothworkers Consort of Leeds

Dovid AYZNSHTAT (1880-1942)

A selection of songs from the Nazi ghettos:

Ani Ma'amin

Nit kayn rozhinkes, nit kayn mandlen

Zog nit keynmo! az du geyst dem letstn veg

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Anon.

Dovid BEYGLMAN (1887-1944)

Dmitry POKRASS (1899-1978)

String Trio

*Benjamin Nabarro (violin), Krzysztof Chorzelski (viola)
and Gemma Rosefield (cello)*

Gideon KLEIN (1919-1945)

Four Songs on Chinese Poetry No. 4 (Probděná noc)

Sam Carl (bass-baritone) and Leo Nicholson (piano)

Karussell, Wir reiten auf hölzernen Pferden

Emily Kyte (mezzo) and Leo Nicholson (piano)

Geistliche Lieder Op. 20, No.1 Um Mitternacht, im Schlafe schon

James Way (tenor) and Leo Nicholson (piano)

Pavel HAAS (1899-1944)

Martin ROMAN (1910-1996)

Viktor ULLMANN (1898-1944)

Interval 20 minutes

Three piano pieces*

Mazurek Op. 10 No. 6

Nocturno Op. 16

Kujawiak Op. 13

Věra Müllerová (piano)

Josima FELDSCHUH (1929-1943)

Topol (The Poplar Tree)*

Věra Müllerová (piano) and Tanya Gold (narrator)

Gideon KLEIN (1919-1945)

Passacaglia & Fugue for String Trio

*Benjamin Nabarro (violin), Krzysztof Chorzelski (viola)
and Gemma Rosefield (cello)*

Hans KRÁSA (1899-1944)

To the Memory of Our Dead Children Op.63*

Leonore Piano Trio

Mikhail GNESIN (1883-1957)

Dedication of The ORT Marks Fellowships

Trudy Gold

Two Chassidic Dances Op.15

Benjamin Nabarro (violin) and Gemma Rosefield (cello)

Zikmund SCHUL (1916-1944)

*UK premiere

The concert sees the launch of The ORT Marks Fellowships. The fellowships will support continued research and outreach work, educating wide audiences about this rich musical legacy.

David Ayznshatz was forced into the Warsaw Ghetto in 1940, before being deported to Treblinka where he was killed in 1942.

Polish-born composer and musician **David Beyglman** wrote music for Polish and Yiddish theatres. He was murdered in Auschwitz in 1944.

Poet **Hirsh Glik** wrote the lyrics of 'Zog nit keynmol' to a melody by **Dmitry Pokrass**. Glik managed to escape from a concentration camp in Estonia in 1944, but was found in hiding and killed by the Nazis later that year.

Prague-based composer and pianist **Gideon Klein** was transported to Terezin in 1941 and murdered in Fürstengrube in 1945.

Pavel Haas studied composition with Leoš Janáček in Czechoslovakia. He was sent to Terezin in 1941 where he continued to compose and premiere new compositions. He was murdered in Auschwitz in 1944.

German jazz pianist **Martin Roman** was transported to Terezin where he led the camp jazz band, the Ghetto Swingers. Roman was sent to Auschwitz but survived.

Viktor Ullmann grew up in Vienna but was trapped in Prague when the Germans invaded Czechoslovakia in 1939. He was sent to Terezin in 1942 where he was allowed to continue composing and organising concerts. He was sent to Auschwitz and murdered in 1944.

Justina Feldschuh was a Polish piano prodigy. She composed several works for piano whilst in the Warsaw Ghetto. Feldschuh was smuggled out of the ghetto but died of tuberculosis in 1943.

Composer **Hans Krása** wrote several song cycles, orchestral compositions and chamber works. He was sent to Terezin where his children's opera, *Brundibár*, was performed more than fifty times. Krása was murdered in Auschwitz in 1944.

Michael Gnesin was a Russian composer and teacher who survived both the Nazi and Soviet regimes. He was the only Soviet Jewish composer to be singled out and banned by the Nazis.

The German composer **Zierund Schul** established a career in Prague before being transported to Terezin in 1941. Schul continued to compose and many of his works were premiered in the camp. He died of tuberculosis in 1944.

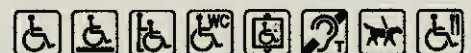
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For further information, or if you are interested in sponsoring a fellowship, contact Shirli Gilbert (s.gilbert@soton.ac.uk).

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Shirli Gilbert (Associate Professor of History, University of Southampton) is the author of *Music in the Holocaust* and *From Things Lost: Forgotten Letters and the Legacy of the Holocaust*.

Sussex-born tenor **James Way** studied at King's College London and Guildhall School of Music & Drama with Susan Waters. He has won several awards and recently made his BBC Proms debut as a soloist.

Emily Kyte is currently training at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, and previously completed training on the ENO Opera Works programme.

Sam Carl studied at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and is currently studying for a postgraduate degree at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama.

Leo Nicholson studied at Trinity Laban. He was awarded the Pianist Prize at Wigmore Hall's 2016 Maureen Lehane Vocal Awards, and has performed at many of the country's major venues.

The Clothworkers Consort of Leeds is a chamber choir rehearsing in Leeds and directed by Bryan White and Stephen Muir.

The **Leonore Piano Trio** brings together internationally acclaimed artists **Benjamin Nabarro** (violin), **Gemma Rosefield** (cello) and **Tim Horton** (piano). The Trio records for Hyperion.

Krzysztof Chorzelski is an acclaimed violist as well as a conductor and teacher. He is active both as a soloist and as member of the Belcea Quartet. He was born in Warsaw.

Věra Müllerová is a Czech pianist and teacher. She studied at the Conservatoire and the Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts in Prague.

Trudy Gold is former Chief Executive of the London Jewish Cultural Centre and Editor in Chief of the educational resource *Understanding the Holocaust*.

Tanya Gold is an award-winning journalist who writes for, among many others, *The Spectator* and *The Guardian*.



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