

William Howard, described in The Independent as “a pianist of quite special lustrousness and versatility”, is one of Britain’s leading pianists, enjoying a career that has taken him to over 40 different countries. His performing life consists of solo recitals, concerto performances and guest appearances with chamber ensembles and instrumentalists. In 1983 he founded the Schubert Ensemble, with which he performed for the full 35 years of the Ensemble’s existence. William performs regularly at major venues and festivals in the UK and can be heard frequently on BBC Radio 3 and Classic FM. He has made over forty CD recordings and premiered several dozen new works by leading composers from the UK and abroad. Three recent recordings for Orchid Classics - *Sixteen Romantic Love Songs* (2016), *Sixteen Contemporary Love Songs* (2018) and an album of piano works by Howard Skempton (2020) have been hugely successful on streaming platforms and have enjoyed much critical acclaim.

Recent engagements have included recitals in Italy, Luxembourg and the UK, including three appearances at the *Belle Epoque* Festival at St John’s, Smith Square, London in November 2022. He has also performed piano quintets with the Carducci and Sacconi String Quartets and will be giving concerts with both quartets again in the 2023/24 season.

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