

**William Howard** is one of Britain's leading pianists, enjoying a career that has taken him to over 40 different countries. As soloist and chamber musician William has performed 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. In 1983 he founded the Schubert Ensemble, with which he performed for the full 35 years of the Ensemble's existence. Three solo piano recordings for Orchid Classics - *Sixteen Romantic Love Songs* (2016), *Sixteen Contemporary Love Songs* (2018) and an album of pieces by Howard Skempton (2020) - have been hugely successful on streaming platforms and have enjoyed much critical acclaim. In May 2024 Orchid released a new album featuring a collection of Nocturnes by 17 different composers. Recent concert engagements have included recitals in Italy and around the UK and piano trio and quintet performances with members of the Carducci String Quartet.