

Friday August 16th

ORSINO QUARTET

ELSIE WOOLLARD

JAVIER MONTAÑANA GONZALES

MARK GIBBS

HANNAH LEWIS

Britten *Phantasy Quartet Op.2*

Andante alla marcia -
Allegro giusto -
Con Fuoco -
Tempo 1 -
Andante alla marcia

Britten's fondness for the oboe shows in his orchestral writing. He composed this for the great Leon Goossens and it brought him national and international attention.

Schubert *Trio in B flat major D471*

Allegro
Andante sostenuto

Like many of Schubert's instrumental works, this Trio is incomplete, comprising only a first movement and some thirtynine bars of a second, slower one. It is nevertheless a much loved piece of music in which we can fully hear the nineteen year old composer's deep admiration for the music of the Viennese masters whose legacy he inherited.

Mozart *Oboe Quartet in F major K370*

Allegro
Adagio
Rondeau: Allegro

The **Orsino Quartet** dedicates this concert to the memory of the violinist, **Hugh Maguire** who died on the 14th June. Not only one of the finest artists of his generation, he was also Elsie's grandfather. Hugh was leader of the LSO, the BBCSO, Academy of St Martin in the Fields and the Orchestra of the ROH. He also led the Allegri String Quartet, helped revive the Melos Ensemble and played in a piano trio with Jaqueline du Pré, a close family friend, and Fou T'Song. Hugh had a passion for encouraging new talent. He was Head of Strings at the Britten Pears school, taught at the RAM, founded the Irish Youth Orchestra and Concorda, and coached the NYO. Elsie and Hugh frequently spent hours together playing through quartets and the Mozart quartet was particularly important to them both. In tribute to Hugh, Elsie and friends performed the 2nd movement at his funeral. Hugh will be much missed but his inspiration and legacy will never be forgotten.



The **Orsino Quartet** is a new, London based ensemble formed by a group of friends to explore the wide range of rarely performed repertoire available to an oboe quartet. Elsie and Mark are currently studying at the RCM, while Javier and Hannah study at the RAM. The quartet has been lucky enough to receive coaching from David Theodore, Hugh Maguire and Gareth Hulse. All four members have extensive orchestral and solo performance experience. However the group thrive on the intimate nature of chamber music and find it a hugely rewarding experience. In the near future the quartet is looking to collaborate with the pianist from the Almaviva Trio, Çesar Saura, to broaden their repertoire.



Hugh Maguire