

Sunday, August 19, 2018

3:00pm

Madonna della Strada Chapel

Svyati Duo

Rebecca Hepplewhite, Cello and Julian Collings, Organ

Fanfare	Russell Hepplewhite (b.1982)
Vater unser im Himmelreich, BWV 762	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Fughetta super Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot, BWV 679	Johann Sebastian Bach
Elegie from Three Pieces, Op. 150	Joseph Rheinberger (1839-1901)
Humoresque, Op. 92	Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)
The Day That Was	Ad Wammes (b.1953)
In Croce	Sofia Gubaidulina (b.1931)
Kol Nidrei	Max Bruch (1838-1920)
Hungarian Rhapsody, op. 68	David Popper (1843-1913)



Since forming **Svyati Duo** in 2009 Rebecca Hepplewhite (cello) and Julian Collings (organ) have gained international critical acclaim, both for their concert performances and commercial CD releases. Heralded as 'exemplary' performers by Fanfare Magazine, their concert engagements have taken them to venues throughout Europe, the United States of America and Asia.

Svyati Duo take their name from Julian and Rebecca's first collaboration, as conductor and cellist in a performance of Sir John Tavener's masterpiece 'Svyati' for solo cello and choir. Tavener subsequently became the duo's Patron the following year and remained so until his death in 2013. Rebecca and Julian maintain a diverse and exciting repertoire, from Baroque sonatas through to substantial romantic and contemporary works, and are committed to performing music that displays the diversity of their instrumental combination. A tireless search for repertoire continues to reward them with unjustly neglected, original works in addition to commissioning new music and transcribing existing pieces.

The duo has performed in venues of all sizes, from churches and town halls to major cathedrals and concert halls. Recent highlights include a recital at the Hong Kong Cultural Center, where they performed to an audience of 1600, and a concert at Worcester Cathedral, which included a performance of their own transcription of Elgar's Cello Concerto. Recipients of awards from the RVW Society and the Leche Trust, Svyati Duo have commissioned new works from leading composers including David Bednall, Russell Hepplewhite, Iain Farrington and Timothy Salter, and have premiered many works by other living composers.

Svyati Duo have recorded two CDs on the Regent Records label, both of which received unanimous critical acclaim and have since been featured on BBC radio in the UK and on American Public Media's 'Pipedreams' broadcast in the US. Their third recording will be released in 2018 and will feature contemporary music including three of the duo's own commissions.