BBC National Orchestra of Wales II

BBC National Orchestra of Wales Martyn Brabbins conductor

Marta Fontanals-Simmons mezzo-soprano Roderick Williams baritone

Pre-performance talk 6.30pm, Peter Pears Recital Room: Gavin Higgins and Francesca Simon talk to Roger Wright about creating *The Faerie Bride* 30'

Grace Williams (1906–1977)

Sea Sketches (1944) 20'

High Wind

Sailing Song

Channel Sirens

Breakers

Calm Sea in Summer

Benjamin Britten (1913–1976)

A Suite of English Folk Tunes:

'A Time There Was' Op.90 (1974) 14'

i Cakes and Ale

ii The Bitter Withy

iii Hankin Booby

iv Hunt the Squirrel

v Lord Melbourne

Gavin Higgins (b. 1983)

The Faerie Bride (2021, Britten Pears Arts commission), world premiere 40'

Text by Francesca Simon

Part I - Prologue

The Lake

Part II - Spring

Summer

Autumn

Winter

Epilogue

Amanda MacLeod surtitles

INTERVAL



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