

Roy Alexander's 75TH BIRTHDAY CONCERT
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CHRISTIAN AID



RETORICA

Harriet Mackenzie and Philippa Mo

St Bride's Parish Church
Newtonmore

Wednesday 25th March 2015

7.30pm

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OUR MUSICIANS

Harriet Mackenzie and Philippa Mo formed Retorica in 2007. A violin duo was considered to be a rare ensemble but they have become well established and are in constant demand. They have toured China and broadcast live on BBC Radio 3. Several modern composers have written music for Retorica including Robert Fokkens who is featured in the programme tonight. They perform duos by some of the well known composers and have also made their own arrangements as with Bach Inventions in the programme tonight.

Harriet is an internationally recognised concerto soloist and recitalist and has played across five continents. She is absolutely dedicated to life as a musician and is happy to experiment and be involved in all sorts of different musical combinations. She plays with Christina Lawrie in The Sutherland Duo, Meg Hamilton and in Milos Milivojevic in Kosmos, and more recently has been working on a project with Rona Wilkie who was the BBC Scotland Young Traditional Musician in 2012. In October 2014, I went to London to hear her make her debut with the English String Orchestra featuring a new composition by Deborah Pritchard and the paintings of Maggi Hambling. In February, this formed part of a sell out concert in the National Gallery in London. For Harriet it is play, play, play!

Philippa Mo performs extensively as a chamber musician and has played all over Europe. Philippa is a champion of contemporary music and has given recital/discussions and workshops on British music in places like Beijing and Ankara, and regularly returns to coach students at the National Conservatory of Kazakhstan in Almaty.

Retorica are booked up months ahead and they are returning to play in China at the end of May when they will play works by Gabriel Prokofiev and Sergei Prokofiev.

CONCERT PROGRAMME

Telemann	-	Sonata for Two Violins
Wieniawski	-	Etude Caprice in G Minor
Fokkens	-	Orange
Mozart	-	Sonata in G Major

INTERVAL

Bach	-	Two Part Inventions
Moeran	-	Sonata for Two Violins
Handel/Halvorsen	-	Passacaglia