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Chi Mei Ricercari.
New Music from
Southampton

Michael Finnissy, Piano
Nicola Heinrich, Cello

National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, 10 December 2013
National Chiao Tung University, Hsinchu, 11 December 2013



The title of Michael Finnissy's *Chi Mei Ricercari* says much about the goals of a comprehensive university. The Italian 'ricercare'—to 'seek out'—can also be translated as *research*. Research for us is about always looking for ways to make the world a better place. We share this goal with the Chi Mei Culture Foundation, who have graciously allowed us to use magnificent cellos from their collection to share this special composition with you.

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Michael Finnissy, one of the UK's most celebrated composers, is Professor of Music Composition at the University of Southampton. His music has been performed and studied world-wide for more than four decades.

Nicola Heinrich studied cello in her native Bavaria and at Indiana University, where she was a teaching assistant of the legendary Janos Starker. She was a member of the Bielefeld Philharmonic for twelve years before moving to the UK. She now teaches at Winchester College, founded in 1382, the oldest continually operating school in the UK.

Matthew Shlomowitz, Leo Grant, Ben Oliver, Matthew Scott, Chris Sarantis and Christopher Evans are current or former students of Michael Finnissy or teach composition with him at the University of Southampton. For further information on these composers and their works for this concert visit: <http://blog.soton.ac.uk/music>

Michael Finnissy on the Chi Mei Ricercari:

The basic premise of the ‘Ricercari’ is that the cellos in the Chi Mei Collection remember all the music that they have ever played, and that they are telling us about their very first experiences. To substantiate this fantasy, I researched (and you could translate ‘ricercar’ as ‘research’) the earliest music written for solo cello – by Domenico Galli and Giovanni Gabrielli, imagining that this might be what the cellos can recall from their early years, along with many other composers. But the piece itself lives in two time-zones: that of the cello’s memory (17th – 18th century) and that of the questioning piano (21st century). These time zones co-exist, or – more literally – they are superimposed as polyphony. There are seven, dream-like, portraits – each lasting about four minutes.

<i>Chi Mei Ricercari</i> (2013) 1 Adagio non tanto, espansivo Nicola Heinrich, Cello Michael Finnissy, Piano	Michael Finnissy (1946-)
<i>See my Logic</i> (2013) Michael Finnissy, piano	Matthew Shlomovitz (1975-)
<i>Chi Mei Ricercari</i> 2 Discorso drammatico	Finnissy
<i>Contrapunctus XI</i> (2013) Michael Finnissy, Piano	Leo Grant (1981-)
<i>Chi Mei Ricercari</i> 3 Sognando, poco misterioso	Finnissy
<i>Magnet</i> (2013) Michael Finnissy, Piano	Ben Oliver (1981-)
<i>Chi Mei Ricercari</i> 4 Sostenuto	Finnissy
<i>Water Music</i> (2013) Michael Finnissy, Piano	Matthew Scott (1956-)
<i>Chi Mei Ricercari</i> 5 Andante sostenuto fugato	Finnissy
<i>The Essence of Mozart May be Found in this Album</i> (2013) Michael Finnissy, Piano	Christopher Sarantis (1981-)
<i>Chi Mei Ricercari</i> 6 Affettuoso e piano. Cantabile	Finnissy
<i>The White Hare</i> (2013) Michael Finnissy, Piano	Christopher Evans (1988-)
<i>Chi Mei Ricercari</i> 7 Crotchet=100	Finnissy

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