Charity Concert in Aid of the Tohoku Earthquake & Tsunami Relief Effort

St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall Guildhall Yard, London EC2V 5AA

4th April 2011 @ 7pm

One hour of music for koto, sho, shakuhachi, voice, viola, clarinet & oboe

Featuring OKEANOS Ensemble

Traditional Japanese & Gagaku music with contemporary works by Dai Fujikura, Howard Skempton & Nicola LeFanu

All donations to the charities Peace Winds Japan, Save the Children, also to the Japan Society UK

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Expanding the relief effort, providing relief supplies along with local needs

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Curated by Dai Fujikura & given by Okeanos Ensemble

Traditional Choshi Sho solo

Howard Skempton Fragments (2004) Oboe, Sho & koto

Nicola LeFanu Two Songs for Jane (2005) Mezzo & viola

Far away mountain peaks
 Reflected in its eyes
 The dragonfly

Scattered petals
 Drift on the ruffled water
 Sky filled with glittering stars
 Moonlight scattered on the water

Traditional Two Japanese Songs Shakuhachi & koto

i) Komoro Bushiii) Hanagasa Ondo

Komoro Bushi is a folk song from central Japan: "Again this morning, as I set out from Komoro, I can see the smoke from the Asama volcano..."

Hanagasa Ondo is a popular song of pride in the Yamagata area, famous for growing aubergines. The local flower dance is performed wearing hats shaped like umbrellas

(hana = flower, kasa = umbrella).

Dai Fujikura Okeanos Breeze (2001)

Sho, koto, viola, clarinet, oboe, antique cymbals & ocean drum

Traditional Reiho Shakuhachi solo

Reiho means "Spiritual Law"; this is from the Honkyoku, the ancient solo shakuhachi repertoire. Originating in the Zen Buddhist tradition, where they were played by monks as meditation exercises rather than music, these pieces are anonymous, handed down orally for centuries and notated in the nineteenth century

Michio Miyagi Haru no Umi – The Sea in Springtime (1929)

Shakuhachi and koto

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