

***Some Kind of Calm*:**

**the music of Ólafur Arnalds**



**Featuring landscape photography by Molly Hollman**

**University Music Scholars and Award Holders**

**Dan Harding** piano

**Wednesday 27 March, 1.10pm**

**Colyer-Fergusson Hall**

**Programme**

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| This Place is a Shelter | from *Living Room Songs* |
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| Beth’s Theme | from *Broadchurch* |
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| Film Credits | from *Living Room Songs* |
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| Fyrsta  (First) | from *Living Room Songs* |
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| Lag fyrir ömmu  (Song for Grandma) | from *Living Room Songs* |
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| Near Light | from *Living Room Songs* |
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| Only the Winds | from *For Now I Am Winter* |
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| Loftið verður skyndilega kalt  (Suddenly the air grows cold) | from …*And They Have Escaped the weight of Darkness* |
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| For Now I Am Winter | from *For Now I Am Winter* |
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| Þú Ert Jörðin  (You are the earth) | from …*And They Have Escaped the weight of Darkness* |

Composer, producer, multi-instrumentalist and winner of a BAFTA award for music to the ITV series *Broadchurch*; the music of the prolifically versatile Ólafur Arnalds captures the fragile, desolate yet beautiful landscapes of his native Iceland. This sequence of music explores chamber arrangements, some made by the composer himself, of some of the music from albums including *For Now I Am Winter*, *Living Room Songs*, and ‘Beth’s Theme’ from *Broadchurch.*

The contrast between the fragile, repeating patterns in the piano and the sustained warmth of the slow-moving string instruments evokes a haunting melancholy. Arnalds’ music is profoundly influenced by his homeland, particularly in his 2016 *Island Songs* project, in which he travelled to seven different locations over seven weeks, collaborating with seven different artists, releasing a new piece each week.



Today’s performance combines Arnalds’ exquisite and meditative music with landscape photography; an exploration of beautiful images that capture wide spaces and endless skies, rugged landscapes and tranquil seascapes, by the award-winning Kent-based photographer and musician, Molly Hollman.

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| **Kammy Pike** violin |
| **David Glover** violin |
| **Jack Chan** viola |
| **Seb Abbott** cello |
| **Dan Harding** piano |

Discover more of Molly’s photography at [**https://mollyhollman.myportfolio.com/**](https://mollyhollman.myportfolio.com/)