

**Rosenblatt Recitals****FRANCESCO MELI****BRITTEN: MICHELANGELO SONNETS****LISZT: PETRARCH SONNETS**

Matteo Pais

**1 x CD****Catalogue numbers:** OA CD9019 D**Price code:** W**Barcodes:** 809478090199**Running time:** 72 minutes

Francesco Meli is acclaimed for his mellifluous tenor in the French and Italian bel canto repertoire celebrated on this recital disc with songs and arias from Rossini to Massenet. Complementing these are song cycles by Liszt and Britten setting poems by two great figures of the Italian Renaissance, Michelangelo and Petrarch.

Presenting the major singers of today and the stars of tomorrow, the Rosenblatt Recitals are London's only world-class season of opera recitals. This new partnership with Opus Arte will see 5-6 CDs released per year, based predominantly on studio recordings with occasional bonus live tracks.

- Italian tenor particularly associated with bel canto repertoire - has sung at Covent Garden, La Scala and The Met  
 - CD features works by Massenet, Rossini, Verdi, Britten (Michelangelo Sonnets), Donizetti, Tosti, Gounod and Liszt (Petrarch Sonnets)

**What the press said:**

“...one can feel the passion literally bristling beneath the surface in both expression and control...a lyric tenor possessed of tremendous reserve power” *The Washington Times*

“...virtuosic flair and breathtaking force... impeccable sound command and beauty of tone” *Bachtrack*

“...sweetly lyrical and sensitive” *Classical Source*

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**Track listing**

- Benjamin Britten 1913–1976  
**Seven Sonnets of Michelangelo Op.22**
- 1 Si come nella penna (Sonnetto XVI)  
 2 A che più debb'io (Sonnetto XVI)  
 3 Veggio co' bei vostri occhi (Sonnetto XXX)  
 4 Tu sa ch'io so (Sonnetto LV)  
 5 Rendete agli occhi miei (Sonnetto XXXVII)  
 6 S'un casto amor (Sonnetto XXXII)  
 7 Spirto ben nato (Sonnetto XXIV)
- Jules Massenet 1842–1912  
 8 En fermant les yeux (*Manon*)
- Charles Gounod 1818–1893  
 9 Ah, lève-toi, soleil (*Faust*)
- Paolo Tosti 1846–1916  
 10 L'ultima canzone  
 11 Tristezza  
 12 L'ultima bacio
- Gioachino Rossini 1792–1868  
 13 La danza (*Les soirées musicales*, No.8)  
 14 Le sylvain (*Péchés de vieillesse*, Vol.3 No.9)
- Giuseppe Verdi 1813–1901  
 15 La mia letizia infondere (*I Lombardi alla Prima Crociata*)
- Gaetano Donizetti 1797–1848 Matteo Salvi  
 16 Angelo casto e bel (*Le duc d'Albe*)
- Franz Liszt 1811–1887  
**Tre sonetti di Petrarca**
- 17 Pace non trovo (Sonnet CIV)  
 18 Benedetto sia'l giorno (Sonnet XLVII)  
 19 I' vidi in terra angelici costumi (**Sonnet CXXIII**)