

## **Sony Classical Artist Composers**

### **Maarja Nuut**

We are delighted to add another world premiere recording specially commissioned for the album; 'Threads'. This meditational work provides a feeling of complete relaxation. Estonian Sony Classical artist Maarja Nuut herself accompanies the voices on the violin with resounding calmness. Soloist Aleksandra Nygaard Djordjevics' deep mezzo tones complete this very laid-back work.

### **David Reichelt**

The beautiful adaption of Brahms' Hungarian Dance No. 1 composed for this album by award-winning composer and Sony Classical artist David Reichelt, 'Wandering Soul' is a poignant, a cappella composition on the coming together of two loving souls in a tangled hell. This is a perfect metaphor for the ethos of the World Choir for Peace. It was wonderful that the composer himself was present during the recording process at Tonstudio Tessmar in Hanover, allowing him to inspire us and shape his music. Lyrics are written by Jordan Prince.

### **Ellis Ludwig-Leone**

Ellis Ludwig-Leone is a U.S. composer and songwriter active in New York City. The Sony Classical Artist's commissioned work for this album 'To Look For Owls', imagines two voices (Helen Ostafew, soprano, and Teele Utt, alto), calling out under a quiet night sky. After a period of calling with no response, the cello awakens, answering the voices' inquiry with its own strange, animal-like sounds.

### **Volker Bertelmann (Hauschka)**

'Fifteen Million Acres' was written specially for this album by Oscar nominated composer, pianist and producer Volker Bertelmann (Hauschka). The piece focuses on the devastating Australian bushfires that happened toward the end of 2019. It deals with mourning at a time of disaster. Together with harp, piano, cello and violin, this composition makes us realise the importance of the care and nurture our environment needs.

## **Works adapted by Sony for the World Choir for Peace**

### **Max Richter**

German born UK composer Max Richter is considered to be one of the most prestigious contemporary composers on the music scene. Dream 1, Pt. 1, adapted for choir by Sony Classical for the World Choir for Peace, gently transports the listener to a place of utter bliss.

### **Hans Zimmer**

This is the very first live voiced version of the multi award-winning Hans Zimmer's extremely emotional composition 'AURORA', which was adapted for our recording by Sony Classical. This haunting and powerful piece was written after the 2012 theatre shootings in Aurora and subsequently dedicated to those who lost their lives or were affected by the tragedy. Featuring soprano soloist Elizabeth Parsons.