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Ligeti Quartet

Monday 18 November 2024
12pm, St Paul's Hall

Ligeti Quartet:
Freya Goldmark violin
Patrick Dawkins violin
Richard Jones viola
Valerie Welbanks cello

Justė Janulytė (Lithuania, 1982)

Circle for a Square (2018) 25' **UK Premiere**

Ligeti Quartet presents a re-imagining of Justė Janulytė's 2018 work for four string quartets, *Circle for a Square*. In the original, the groups are placed around the audience, forming a square, whilst the music moves in circular patterns, gradually expanding the sphere in a sense of range, texture and dynamics. In this version, Ligeti Quartet will perform amplified with three pre-recorded layers played back in quadraphonic speaker formation.

Janulytė describes her music as 'monochrome' and her works can be thought of as sonic objects, with colour, density, shape and temperature which slowly evolve over time, bringing together minimalist aesthetics and a spectral sound world.

Circle for a Square is subtitled with a line from Paul Valéry's poem *Poésie* (1920), "Je touchais à la nuit pure".

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