



## **The Eric Thiman Collection**

### **Newsletter No 11**

This is the eleventh Newsletter detailing the progress of the Eric Thiman Collection. If you know anyone else who would like to be included in emailing/ mailing list, please send their details to Guy Turner (contact details at the end of the newsletter). Thank you.

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##### *Patrons*

*The Very Revd. Nicola Sullivan, Dean of Southwell*  
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## **NEW CD**

This Newsletter is for one purpose only – to announce the launch of a new professional CD, which includes twelve of Thiman's songs, plus eleven songs of Michael Head. (Head was an almost exact contemporary of Thiman's, and a long-time colleague of his at the Royal Academy of Music. He had an unusual performing career in that he sang recitals to his own accompaniment.)

The CD owes its existence to Dorothy Webster Thomas, who was supported by both composers in her youth, and particularly during her time at the Academy. She was one of the professional singers at the City Temple during Thiman's time there, and has been a great supporter of the Thiman collection since its inception.

Much of Thiman's music was written for amateur performers, but most of the songs, including those recorded here, are written for professional singers and pianists, and are very much in the same art-song tradition as those of Quilter, Gurney, Warlock and Vaughan Williams.

Everything about the recording – performance, programming, production, presentation – is extremely well done, and the performers – Emily Gray, Mezzo, and Nicola Johnson, Piano, are to be congratulated on a wonderful CD.

You can find out more about the performers on their websites

[www.emilyjanegray.com](http://www.emilyjanegray.com)

[www.nicolejohnsonpianist.com/](http://www.nicolejohnsonpianist.com/)

The CD is being issued and launched on November 18<sup>th</sup>, when it will be available for sale from Emily, and for download on iTunes. Details will appear shortly on the record company website:

[conviviumrecords.co.uk/](http://conviviumrecords.co.uk/)

The Thiman Collection has a small number of these CDs for sale at £10 plus £1.50 post and packing. Please email Guy Turner if you would like one of these – details at the end of the newsletter.

## **LAUNCH CONCERT**

Also on November 18<sup>th</sup> Emily and Nicola are giving a launch concert at Heath Street Baptist Church, Hampstead, NW3 1DN, at 8.00pm. Admission (and a drink) is free and the CDs will be available on sale. All welcome. The poster for this is attached as a separate document – please share this poster with as many people as possible.

Emily and Nicole will also be presenting a lunch-time recital at Southwell Minster on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 1.30pm. Free admission/collection.

## **PAYMENTS**

For payment of donations or for CDs:

Either by bank transfer to Southwell Minster Choirs Association  
60-20-15 68034652

Reference: Thiman Collection (and either 'donation', or 'CD')

Or post a cheque made out to 'Southwell Minster Choir Association', with 'Eric Thiman Collection' written on the back, to Guy Turner.

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