

The first major choral setting of *The Diary of Anne Frank* takes the teenager's remarkable and penetrating observations, written whilst hiding in an Amsterdam attic, as the basis of its extraordinary and moving libretto. Whitbourn's music for this work has been described as "woundingly beautiful" (*The Daily Telegraph*). He reflects sounds of the Westerkerk bells and tunes heard on the radio in the Annexe, along with representations of Anne Frank's Jewish and German heritage, details that add to a score "whose respectful understatement is its greatest strength" (*The Times*).

James
WHITBOURN
(b. 1963)

Annemies
Chamber Version (2009)

Libretto by Melanie Challenger, based on *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*

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| 1 Introit – Prelude*† | 4:36 | 8 Kyrie – Sinfonia (<i>Help us, rescue us from this hell</i>) | 4:02 |
| 2 The capture foretold† | 3:15 | 9 The dream*† | 3:52 |
| 3 The plan to go into hiding*† | 4:27 | 10 Devastation of the outside world*† | 4:07 |
| 4 The last night at home and arrival at the Annexe*† | 6:21 | 11 Passing of time*† | 3:33 |
| 5 Life in hiding*† | 10:51 | 12 The hope of liberation and a spring awakening*† | 5:08 |
| 6 Courage*† | 4:28 | 13 The capture and the concentration camp† | 6:43 |
| 7 Fear of capture and the second break-in† | 3:58 | 14 Anne's meditation*† | 4:32 |

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Arianna Zukerman, Soprano* • Westminster Williamson Voices
The Lincoln Trio

Desirée Ruhstrat, Violin • David Cunliffe, Cello • Marta Aznavoorian, Piano
with Bharat Chandra, Clarinet†

James Jordan

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