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Booklet notes in English
Made in Germany**NAXOS****SIMPSON • KITCHEN • THIBAudeau: Birds of Love and Prey****8.579064**

Soprano Deborah Sternberg brings together three song cycles themed on birds, each with its own unique flavour and expressive vocabulary. Andrew Earle Simpson's eloquent skills as a composer and pianist are united in *Birds of Love and Prey*, in which both antique and modern textual sources contrast songbirds and predators in a variety of ways. Eric Kitchen uses transcriptions of actual birdsong in *The Olney Avian Verse of William Cowper*, while Gabriel Thibaudeau's *Cycle Avicellus* portrays birds within landscapes using a language of modern impressionism.

Birds of Love and Prey

Andrew Earle SIMPSON (b. 1967)

1-10 Birds of Love and Prey (2014) **23:33**

Eric KITCHEN (b. 1951)

11-15 The Olney Avian Verse of William Cowper (2000) **19:14**

Gabriel THIBAudeau (b. 1959)

16-19 Cycle Avicellus (2014) **18:12**

WORLD PREMIERE RECORDINGS

Deborah Sternberg, Soprano

Andrew Earle Simpson 1-10, Mark Vogel 11-19, Piano

A detailed tracklist can be found inside the booklet

The sung texts are included in the booklet and may also be accessed at www.naxos.com/libretti/579064.htm

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