

## **Free Livestreams June 13th and 14th**

### **Love Songs from Shakespeare's Time**

[Milford, PA] At 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 13th, The Good Pennyworths will perform "The Sweets of Love" from the Renaissance era. Soprano Olivia Bentzen and luteist/baritone Garald Farnham, The Pennyworths will offer music by John Dowland, Thomas Campion, Alfonso Ferrabosco, and other contemporaries of William Shakespeare.

On Sunday, June 14th at 4 p.m., in "Passing By: My Life as a Minstrel," Garald Farnham will be playing and singing pop music of the Renaissance -- lute tunes, songs from Shakespeare's plays -- as well as some music from the 1960s.

### **Why Do Fools Fall in Love?**

That was the headline on one of The Good Pennyworths' reviews, and that's a good encapsulation of this duo's subject matter. Not for nothing did they name an album *Love! Lust! Longing & Loss*; these are feelings that bind us to the Elizabethan period as if it were just last year.

For Farnham, it almost was, because he used to perform music for Shakespeare's plays with Michael Moriarty's company, Potter's Field. He then served as musical director for plays at the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, and for two decades he directed the Renaissance ensemble Merry Minstrels, known to New Yorkers for their appearances at Lincoln Center Out of Doors.

Betzen made her Carnegie Hall debut in the Weill Space as the Grand Prize winner in Art Song at the 2014 Metropolitan International Music Festival. She was a "Rising Star" at Caramoor and has branched out to singing as a cantor at NYC's St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church and to performing more modern music such as Massenet's opera *Manon*.

The Good Pennyworths' repertoire is part of the foundation of later styles, from Baroque to Classical music. However, much of its foundation is folk music, especially popular English songs of the 1500s and early 1600s whose lyrics range from romantic to bawdy.

### **Need to Know**

The first show will be broadcast on the website [www.kindredspiritsarts.org](http://www.kindredspiritsarts.org), on [FACEBOOK](#) and [YOUTUBE](#) at 5:30 PM on June 13th, the second show will be 4 PM on June 14th.

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