

THE SCORE



Hawes in The Quiet Room

Classic FM's new composer-in-residence, Patrick Hawes, is already making his mark. His work features on *The Quiet Room*, a recent release from Sony BMG, alongside reflective compositions by other 21st-century talents such as Michael Nyman and Gabriel Yared. Joby Talbot, Hawes's predecessor, is also represented. Tracks from the album are being played on Classic FM and are also available as ringtones - ensuring that, wherever you are, you can unwind and relax!

Rank & file The top five opera deaths

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1 Puccini's Tosca
Mad with grief at her lover's execution by firing squad, Tosca throws herself from the castle ramparts and falls to her death
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2 Catalani's La Wally
Wally, the impetuous heroine, hurls herself into the deadly avalanche that swept away Hagenbach, her one true love
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3 Verdi's Aida
Slave princess Aida is buried alive with warrior Radames, both of them entombed within a giant pyramid.
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4 Tchaikovsky's The Queen of Spades
Army officer Herman's gambling addiction leads to a dramatic double suicide.
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5 Shostakovich's Lady Macbeth of the Mtsensk District
Katerina disposes of her father-in-law by serving him a plate of rat poison-filled mushrooms

Regular reader Sasha Cooper has supplied this month's *Rank & File*. Why not send us your 'top five' to consider? It can be on any musical topic.



Music gives peace a chance

To commemorate this year's Peace Day on 21 September, children from across the UK are uniting in a Song for Peace. Nearly 5000 schools have signed up to perform *No War Will Stop Us Singing*, a work composed by Ivor Novello Award-winner Debbie Wiseman, and set to lyrics by Don Black. With an expected audience of seven million, this is the single largest Peace Day

commitment to date. The campaign is a collaboration between Youth Music, the Peace One Day film project and NASUWT, the UK's largest teachers' union. Youth Music's chief executive, Christina Coker, said she was delighted to be involved in such an event, 'which uses music as a means to spread the important messages surrounding young people'.

