

Press Release for A PRIORI's *Winterreise, D. 911*

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Boston-based duo A PRIORI is proud to be presenting its debut concert in 2021, playing the beloved *Winterreise, D. 911* song cycle by Franz Schubert. Come experience the frosty chill of this haunting poetry that brought Bahar Soyoz and David Thomas Mather together as interpreters to form this duo!

A PRIORI was born out of a desire to explore the moving poetry within German Lieder, and has bloomed into a greater quest to uncover the cores of masterworks written for voice and piano. The Latin phrase *a priori* translates to "from what comes before," emphasizing the importance of learning from the past in order to cultivate a more informed present in every facet of life. Mather and Soyoz believe that the intersection of text and music that has fascinated composers and audiences throughout the ages is even more relevant in today's musical world than it has ever been. Language adapts to communicate more clearly within society, and so too do musicians by breathing new life into texts. As singer and pianist, they feel a responsibility to imbue these texts and this music with the passions and pains of a new generation.

This program will be one of several that A PRIORI hopes to produce during its 2021-22 season. "The Trials of Youth" will feature famous song cycles like *Songs of Travel* and *Banalités*, alongside art songs by Florence Price, Rebecca Clarke, and John Ireland that tell of daring adventure, cruel irony, and unrequited love (date TBD).

The livestreamed concert will begin at 7:30pm with a short intermission, and after the concert there will be a chance to meet with the performers and ask questions about the process of putting the piece together.