

Simon Speare

Simon is a composer-mentor for MRF. His piece for saxophones and electronics will be premiered at Festival '21.

Simon is Head of Composition and Contemporary Music at the RCM Junior Department. He was born and brought up in Cornwall. He studied composition with Simon Holt at City University, London. His music has been widely performed by professional and amateur groups in the UK and abroad and broadcast on national radio and television. He teaches composition at The Purcell School and has lectured and examined at universities and conservatoires. He is an experienced leader of workshops in schools and colleges and recently led the *Go Compose* project in schools as well as during the Sound and Music Summer School. He is a sought-after adjudicator and has been a judge for the British Composer Awards. He has been a Martin Read Foundation young composer mentor for five years. Married with two children, he also fronts the rock band Simon and the Spears.