

# **Brecht, Music and Culture: Hanns Eisler in Conversation with Hans Bunge**



A multimedia show in English  
12 March 2015, 7.30 pm, City Hall, Cathays Park

The composer Hanns Eisler was Bertolt Brecht's closest friend and most politically committed collaborator. In these conversations Eisler offers a compelling and absorbing account of his and Brecht's period of exile in Europe and the USA between 1933 and 1947, and of the quality of artistic, social and intellectual life in post-war East Germany. Eisler provides illuminating and original insights into Brecht's work and ideas and gives an entertaining first-hand account of his friend's personality and attitudes. Under the German title "Hanns Eisler. Fragen Sie mehr über Brecht" the conversations became known in Germany in the 1970s and were published first in Munich and later also in the GDR. After more than fifty years the conversations are published in English for the first time.

Sabine Berendse, Hans Bunge's daughter, and Paul Clements, actor and director have translated the conversation from the German and offer an unique opportunity, to experience the interviews live and in English. This evening you will see a dramatic reconstruction of extracts from the conversations and hear recorded words and music from Eisler himself.