

Katherine Spencer - Biography



Clarinetist Katherine Spencer made her concerto debut at the age of fourteen at the Royal Festival Hall and has since performed there as concerto soloist a further three times. She has also appeared as soloist with the BBC Symphony Orchestra and at the Birmingham Symphony Hall and Queen Elizabeth Hall, made many live Radio 3 solo broadcasts, and performs regularly on Classic FM and European radio stations. She has recorded the Brahms Sonata and Beethoven Trio for the Oxford Classic label with Sam Haywood and Martin Storey and many of her discs with the Galliard Ensemble, of which she is a founder member, are highly acclaimed in the press and Gramophone magazine.

Her prizes include 1997 Yamaha European Foundation award winner, prize winner in Concertina Praga competition which led to tours of Austria, the former Yugoslavia and the Czech Republic and the Munster "Star Award".

As a chamber musician Katherine has performed Mozart with the Amadeus Quartet in the presence of HRH the Emperor of Japan. She continues to perform internationally with her Ragnarok and Galliard Ensembles in Festivals such as the BBC Proms and this summer will perform the Mozart Sinfonia Concertante with The Academy of St Martin in the Fields Orchestra at the Barbican's "Mostly Mozart Festival".