

## SIÂN CARYS ALLEN (soprano)

Siân Carys Allen was born in Cumbria and studied with Belle Wybergh. She furthered her studies at the RCM where she won the French prize for singing and studied piano as her second instrument. After graduating with a Dip RCM (teachers for singing), she won a bursary from the Oppenheim John Downes Memorial Awards for a further year's study with Audrey Langford and participated in a Jonathan Hinden (Glyndebourne principal coach) masterclass. Siân has studied with Harold Miller (pupils Shirley Bassey, Diane Todd, Julie Andrews), Llewelyn John (Guildhall School of Music and Drama), Stephen Pettitt, Martyn Hill, Margaret Cable (RCM), Glenys Linos (pupil of Elvira de Hidalgo who taught Maria Callas), and Stephen Wilder (ROH).

Siân has recently returned from two international refresher music masterclasses in May and July 2017 held in Graz, Austria which were attended by vocal and string players. She was coached by international soprano Diana Jacklin.

### Performances:

16th-21st July 2001 - "Sempre libera" (Verdi's 'La traviata') with the Royal Artillery Orchestra.

2007 - St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh accompanied by John Bryden to raise funds towards a new Steinway piano.

August 2009 - Thanksgiving Service in Southwark Cathedral, London (full congregation) for NHS Blood and Transplant.

London recitals: St George the Martyr; Bloomsbury Central Baptist; St James', Piccadilly; Dulwich College Old Library; Kings, Guys & St Thomas and Chelsea & Westminster NHS Trust Hospitals; Savoy Hotel.

UK recitals: Lincoln, Winchester, Ely, St Nicholas accompanied by Michael Stoddart, Llandaff, Blackburn, Ripon, Cathedrals; Tewkesbury Abbey, Ewenny, Lanercost & Malvern Priors; Lake District Summer Music (Grasmere & Hawkshead churches) & Edinburgh fringe festivals.

December 2015 - St Martin's Church, Brampton accompanied by the Temperamente Quartet to raise funds for the Flood Disaster in Cumbria.

August 2016 returned and sang in the 'Music for a Summer Evening' series in Hawkshead Church, Lake District

September 2016 - St Giles' Cathedral (St Giles' at Six concert series), Edinburgh accompanied by John Bryden.

October 2016 - St Martin's Church ('Last Night of the Proms' - Brampton (Classical Concert Series)).

November 2016 - St Nicholas Cathedral, Newcastle and Hexham Abbey