

Emma Johnson is one of the few clarinetists to have established a busy career as a solo performer which has taken her to major European, American and Asian venues as well as to Africa and Australasia.

She is one of the UK's biggest selling classical artists, having sold well over half a million albums. Her album, *English Fantasy* has been streamed 2 million times on Spotify. A passionate advocate of the clarinet as a solo instrument, she has also commissioned new works from composers such as Sir John Dankworth and Sir Michael Berkeley.

Perennially in love with the spoken and written word, Emma also enjoys giving lectures about music and her humorous touch has brought about invitations to compère concerts and give speeches. Emma's talks broadcast by the BBC have ranged from "Woodwind Wizardry" to "The poet John Milton" and she has also devised musical weekends exploring in depth composers such as Schubert and Brahms

She enjoys giving concerts with her own group, *Emma Johnson and Friends* and their recent live recording of the Beethoven Septet has had rave reviews. A versatile musician, Emma Johnson has created a jazz trio programme, *Clarinet Goes to Town*, which goes down a storm with audiences. Her compositions and arrangements have been published by Music Sales and Faber Music and she has undertaken many education projects to communicate her love of music to the next generation. Johnson's composition "*Songs of Celebration*" was recently premièred at Gloucester Cathedral.

Emma Johnson's TV appearances range from a recital for Sky Arts TV, to gala events such as a televised Prom. Emma played the hit theme tune for *The Victorian Kitchen Garden* on BBC TV which won an Ivor Novello Award.

Emma Johnson grew up in London and her career was launched when she won *BBC Young Musicians* followed by the *Young Concert Artists Auditions* in New York. She studied Music and English at Cambridge University and was the first woman to be made an Honorary Fellow of Pembroke College. In 2020 she received the Cobbett Medal for distinguished services to chamber music and she was honoured by the Queen with an M.B.E. in 1996.

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