

Emma Johnson is one of the few clarinetists to have established a career as a solo performer which has taken her to venues all over the world. Emma grew up in London and her career was launched when at the age of 17 she won *BBC Young Musicians* in front of a TV audience of 12 million, followed by the *Young Concert Artists Auditions* in New York.

Johnson has made 30 recordings to date; her album *English Fantasy* has been streamed 3 million times on Spotify whilst *Voyage* and *The Mozart Album* both reached the top of the classical charts. Her CD of Brahms Sonatas with John Lenehan was described as “definitive” in the Observer.

A passionate advocate of the clarinet as a solo instrument, Emma also enjoys giving concerts with her own group, *Emma Johnson and Friends*, whose recent live recording of the Schubert Octet received critical acclaim. Emma is known for her eclectic programming which has ranged from Mozart with Sir Yehudi Menuhin to Klezmer at the Jazz Café and Jazz with Dame Cleo Laine.

Emma Johnson’s compositions and arrangements have been published by Chesters and Faber Music. Her composition for clarinet and choir, *Songs of Celebration*, was recently performed in Dublin, London and Tokyo and a series of new works have been published by Queen’s Temple Publishing.

Emma Johnson’s TV appearances range from a recital for Sky Arts TV, to a televised Prom. Emma played the hit theme for *The Victorian Kitchen Garden* on BBC TV which won an Ivor Novello Award. Emma’s talks broadcast by the BBC have ranged from *Woodwind Wizardry* to *The Poet John Milton* and she has a YouTube channel featuring some of her performances and masterclasses.

Johnson studied Music and English at Pembroke College, Cambridge University, where she was the first woman to be made an Honorary Fellow. In 2020 she was awarded the Cobbett Medal by the Musicians’ Company Guild in the City of London for distinguished services to chamber music. She was honoured by the Queen with an M.B.E. in 1996.

Emma plays a clarinet by the English maker, Peter Eaton.

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