

# ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

## Hannah Stone

Harp

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Hannah Stone, former Harpist to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, studied at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, London where she gained a B.Mus. and M.Mus. degree. As part of her Master's degree, she accepted an Erasmus Exchange place at the Universitat Mozarteum, Salzburg, to study with Professor Helga Storck.

During her studies at the Guildhall Hannah was selected to represent the Guildhall School in collaboration with the Academies Festival Orchestra, Singapore. This project culminated in an opening gala performance for the Singapore Sun Festival at the Esplanade Theatre with Dame Kiri te Kanawa. In 2010 Hannah returned to Wales to further her studies at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Cardiff, supported by the Victor Salvi Scholarship and graduated in 2012.

A National and International Eisteddfod winner, Hannah was also a major prize winner at the Franz Joseph Reini Competition in Vienna, the Camac Harp Competition in London and the International Harp Competition in Caernarfon.

Hannah has performed at many notable venues including the Barbican Centre, LSO St Luke's, St John's Smith Square, Museum of London, National Concert Hall in Dublin, St David's Hall and the Wales Millennium Centre in Cardiff. In 2010 Hannah was appointed principal harpist with the Schleswig Holstein Festival Orchestra touring Europe. She has performed as guest soloist with orchestras including the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, Sinfonia Cymru, RTÉ Concert Orchestra, English Chamber Orchestra and Borusan Philharmonic Orchestra, Istanbul.

Hannah has performed for members of the Royal Family on several occasions including performances during the Queen's Diamond Jubilee tour of Wales. During the 2014 NATO Conference Dinner at Cardiff Castle, Hannah performed for the NATO delegates who included the former President of the United States, Barack Obama, Chancellor of Germany, Angela Merkel and former Prime Minister, David Cameron.

She has given recitals at the Edinburgh International Festival, Litchfield Festival, Kings Lynn Festival, Kings Place, London and at the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace. Hannah gave the World Premiere of 'St Asaph's Dance' by Karl Jenkins in 2012 and 'Amaterasu' by Gareth Glyn in 2015 at the North Wales International Music Festival. Abroad, she has given recitals in Italy, Tokyo and Melbourne.

Broadcasts include 'Bryn Terfel's Christmas', 'Carols from Llandudno', 'Noson Lawen' and 'Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol' for S4C and 'In Tune' for BBC Radio 3. Hannah features on Catrin Finch's 'Lullabies' on the Deutsche Grammophon label.

In 2016 Hannah gave recitals in Toronto and Vancouver and recent engagements include performances at the Verbier Festival, Cardiff's 'Festival of Voice', 'Alison Balsom and Friends' concert at the Royal Albert Hall and a memorial service for Lord Snowdon at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey.

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