

Annabel Thwaite

Recognised as one of the most versatile and charismatic pianists, Annabel is one of the most sought after accompanists, after her critically acclaimed recital with Sir Bryn Terfel in Carnegie Hall, 2023. She has won all the major accompanying prizes, including the prestigious Kathleen Ferrier, Gold Medal, and Richard Tauber piano prizes and as a soloist and chamber musician, she has toured throughout the world, in venues such as the Royal Festival and Albert Halls and recitals in The Bordeaux and Monte Carlo Opera Houses. She has collaborated with renowned artists including Sir Bryn Terfel, Roberto Alagna, Rebecca Evans, BBC singers, performed chamber music with the Danish Ensemble Midtvest and also recorded music for the Michael Clarke Dance Company at the Barbican. She has also been the accompanist to the London Welsh Male Voice choir for over 16 years and with them has performed all over the world.

Annabel's discography includes *The Scottish Tenor* for Universal Records, which was nominated for a Classical Brit Award, a world premiere recording of music by Hilary Tann, a disc of romantic violin and piano works with Matthew Jones, "Fusions" by Edward-Rhys Harry and the complete Violin and Viola works of Benjamin Britten and William Walton for Naxos, named Chamber CD of the Month by BBC Music Magazine. As a film session pianist, she has recorded the music for the Hollywood movie *Awake*, the BBC Jane Austen series *Emma*, *The Secret Diaries of Miss Anne Lister* and the Spanish film *De tu Ventana*. Five times the accompanist for the Festival of Welsh Male voice choirs, her performances at the Royal Albert Hall were recorded and released by *Sain* and have been aired on UK television. Further TV appearances include *Blue Peter*, *The Rob Brydon Show* and a documentary following a day in the life of Sir Bryn Terfel for BBC 4.

Annabel's extensive teaching experience has included writing a regular column for "Pianist" magazine, being Director of the Core courses at the Pro Corda International Chamber Music Academy and adjudicating at numerous festivals and competitions, including the National Chamber Music Festival. In addition to being an Associated Board Music examiner, Annabel is extremely committed to outreach projects, having been a member of the "Live Music Now!" and "Lost Chord" schemes.

In addition to all her performing, Annabel is a mother to two young children so to keep herself grounded she is also a qualified Vinyasa Flow yoga teacher and gives classes and workshops specializing in the benefits of yoga for musicians.