

JULIA DEWHURST

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A lyric-coloratura soprano, Julia Dewhurst's ongoing performing career has encompassed opera, concert and recital repertoire from Early Music to first performances of contemporary works. She has broadcast for BBC TV and Radio and has appeared in many of the country's leading concert venues. Abroad, she has undertaken engagements in Germany, France, Spain, Holland, the Middle East and the Seychelles where she gave concerts and masterclasses in the Seychelles Festival of Classical Music.

On the opera stage she has appeared with the Royal Opera, ENO, Kent Opera, English Touring Opera, Pavilion Opera, European Chamber Opera, Opera East, London Opera Players and The Garden Opera Company. Her roles have included Susanna and the Countess (*The Marriage of Figaro*), Queen of the Night, Pamina and First Lady (*The Magic Flute*), Gilda (*Rigoletto*), Donna Anna (*Don Giovanni*), Micaela (*Carmen*), Despina (*Così fan Tutte*), Constanza (*Die Entführung*), Norina (*Don Pasquale*), Miss Wordsworth (*Albert Herring*) Loelia in the premiere of Donald Swann's comic opera *The Man with the Thousand Faces*, and many of the Gilbert & Sullivan soprano roles.

Julia has extensive teaching experience across the entire age range. She was for many years a visiting singing specialist in a London primary school working at Foundation, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 levels and leading voice care workshops for teachers. Although her own career has been primarily centred on Classical repertoire, Julia has a deep interest in all vocal genres from Rock and Pop to Jazz and Music Theatre. She enjoys working with singers on the techniques underpinning voice production and on helping them to discover their own distinctive vocal personalities in performance.

She has been a much sought-after adjudicator for the British and International Federation of Festivals for more than 20 years. She is a member of the Incorporated Society of Musicians, the Association of Teachers of Singing, the British Voice Association, the Association of English Singers and Speakers, for whom she has judged both the Patricia Routledge Competition and the Courtney Kenny Award and she is a Friend of the Society of Teachers of the Alexander Technique.