

# Kirsten Offer

## Soprano

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**Welsh College of Music & Drama**  
 LWCMD in Music - Distinction  
 Performers' Year Prize: 1996, 1997, 1998  
 Valetta Iacopi Memorial Prize: 1998

**Current Teacher:** Eiddwen Harrhy  
**Former Teachers:** Theresa Goble 1991-1995; Janet Coxwell 1986-1991

**Height:** 5' 3"

**Hair:** Brown

**Eyes:** Blue

**Equity Number:** M00150431

**Opera: (Italics indicate forthcoming production)**

LA BOHEME	Puccini	Chorus	London City Opera / McEvoy Productions	Andrew Gallacher / Roderick Brydon
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NOYE'S FLUDDE	Britten	Mrs Noye	Hemiola Young Musicians	Delyth Holland
DIDO & AENEAS	Purcell	2 <sup>nd</sup> Woman/2 <sup>nd</sup> witch/Chorus	Opera Biz	Brendan Wheatley/ Fraser Gouling
L'INCORONAZIONE DI POPPEA (in English translation)	Monteverdi	Fortuna/Liberto/Venere	All Wales Opera School	Brendan Wheatley/ Andrew Wilson Dickson
SUOR ANGELICA	Puccini	First Cercatrici (cover); Novice	WCMD	Nicholas Bone/ Anthony Negus
L'INCORONAZIONE DI POPPEA (excerpt)	Monteverdi	Fortuna	WCMD	Nicholas Bone/ Anthony Negus
PARSIFAL (Flowermaiden's scene; excerpt)	Wagner	Chorus	WCMD	Nicholas Bone/ Anthony Negus
NOYES FLUDDE	Britten	Mrs Noye	Berkshire Youth Musical Theatre	Patrick Young/ Murray Hipkin
THE MAGIC FLUTE	Mozart	Chorus	WCMD	Nicholas Bone/ Anthony Negus
THE BEGGAR'S OPERA	Britten	Chorus	WCMD	Nicholas Bone/ Anthony Negus
PETER GRIMES	Britten	Chorus	ETO Summer School	Martin Lloyd-Evans/ Mark Shanahan

Additional performances ranging from Purcell to Weill working with Directors including Lyn Binstock and Claire Young.

**Solo Choral repertoire performed:**

J S Bach *Jesu Meine Freude; Magnificat in D;*  
 Britten *Rejoice in the Lamb; Hymn to St Cecilia;*  
 Andrew Carter *Hymns of Praise* (world premiere performance and recording);  
 Gabrieli *O Magnum Mysterium; In Ecclesia;*  
 Handel *Dixit Dominus; Passion of Christ* (abridged version for church use);  
 Haydn *Imperial Nelson Mass;*  
 Jenkins *The Armed Man;*  
 Mendelssohn *Hymn of Praise;*

Mozart *Requiem; Missa Brevis in C; Vesperae solennes de confessore;*  
Purcell *Come ye Sons of Art;*  
Vaughan Williams *Mass in G; Benedicite;*  
Vivaldi *Gloria;*

#### Early Music:

Purcell Celebration; In the Shadow of the Sun King;

#### Masterclasses:

Paul Esswood; Robert Tear; Victor Morris; Betty Roe; Michael Pollock; James Bowman.

#### Choral:

Former member of Berkshire Youth Choir, National Youth Choir of Great Britain, Cecilia Consort, Reading Phoenix Choir and Cardiff Polyphonic

1998-	Vivace Singers	N/A
2002-	Serendipity	Timothy Rhys-Evans
2002-	Welsh Chamber Singers	Avril Harding
2002-	BBC National Chorus of Wales ( <i>ad-hoc</i> )	Adrian Partington/ Richard Hickox
2002-	Adrian Partington Singers	Adrian Partington

#### Television, Radio, Recording, Stage, Concert: (*italics indicate future performances*)

Vivace Singers **T4 Summer Tour** – feature choir for w/c 25 July 2005 including performance with Goldie Looking Chain; **Bach Magnificat & Jongen Mass** – (BBC Radio Wales); **John Ireland church music** – (Priory Record 2006); **Basil Harwood Choral Music** – (Priory Records 2005); **Trial by Jury** – Gilbert & Sullivan (Chandos 2004); **The Poisoned Kiss** – Vaughan Williams (Chandos 2003); **Hymn of Jesus** – Holst: semi chorus from Gloucester Cathedral (BBC Radio 3, 2004); **Sea Drift** – Delius: Prom 4, 2004 (BBC Radio 3 & BBC 4 simultaneously) **Quo Vadis** - Dyson (Chandos); **Fondue, Rhyw a Deinosors** (Soundtrack for S4C under composer John Hardy); **Songs of Praise** (BBC1 St David's Day Celebration 2003 and 2001).

UK representatives at America Cantat IV in Mexico City, March 2004. Various performances across Wales including St David's Hall; Wales Millennium centre Tesco's stage; Lower Machen Festival, June 2006; The Gate, July 2006. Appearances as guest artistes of Male Voice Choirs in 2006 include **Gwalia Singers** with Mal Pope and Steve Balsamo, May 2006; **Morrison Orpheus**, July 2006. World premiere performance of **John Hardy** "Spaces – beyond the end of the world" commissioned by Vivace Singers with funding from the Arts Council of Wales and PRS Foundation, June 2006; Caldicot, Chernobyl Fundraiser, 15 September 2006; **Rumney Valley Music Club** opening concert 2006-07 season, 5 October 2006; Guest artistes of **Morlais Male Choir**, Ynyshir, 28 October 2006; Guest artistes of **Dunvant Male Choir**, Brangwyn Hall, 22 December 2006; Guest artistes of **Whitland Male Voice Choir**, Whitland, 4 May 2007.

Serendipity **BBC Songs of Praise & Dechrau Canau Dechrau Canmol**, with Bryn Terfel from Faenol Festival (BBC1 & S4C, August 2004); **Cor Cymru 2005 winners** – Live Semi/Final (S4C & Opus Television, 2005); Soloist and ensemble **Serendipity CD – Ad majorem Dei Gloriam** (Sain records November 2006); **Shan Cothi, Passione CD** (Sain records 2005); **Requiem Paradisum & In these stones horizons sing** – (EMI Classics for Karl Jenkins music 2005); **Wales Millennium Centre Opening Honours Night** – November 2004; **Proms in the Park 2004** – (Live with BBCNOW, broadcast on BBC2 & BBC4); **Sunday Half Hour** (Radio 2); **An Easter Celebration** (BBC Radio Wales); **Bryn Terfel** Christmas concert series 2005: Wales Millennium Centre and Royal Albert Hall; **London Welsh Centre**, February 2006; **St David's Hall** Beethoven 9<sup>th</sup>, April 2006; **Criccieth Festival**, June 2006; World premiere performance of **John Hardy** "Spaces – beyond the end of the world, June 2006; **Bryn Terfel**, Henley, August 2006; **Catrin Finch and friends**, National Eisteddfod, August 2006. **Beaulieu Sur Mer Festival**, France, September 2006; **Sunday half hour** (BBC Radio 2), October 2006; **Mozart Requiem** Tour with Sinfonia Cymru, November 2006; **Bryn Terfel & Rebecca Evans**, Senedd, December 2006; **Bryn Terfel**, Llangollen, December 2006; **Bryn Terfel**, Hay on Wye Festival 2007;

**Katherine in the Park**, Margam Park, 8 July 2007; **Jose Carreras**, Llangollen International Festival, 15 July 2007.

Freelance Various projects with **BBC National Chorus of Wales** from 2002 onwards; Frequent performances with **Welsh Chamber Singers** on BBC Radio 4; Partnership with Jo Scullin (piano) since 1998; Various opera gala performances with Volante Productions directed by Julian Boyce (baritone) with Sarah Belsey Wood (mezzo soprano) since 2003; **Masons' gala dinner**, February 2006; **Army Benevolent Fund**, June 2006; **Ledbury Poetry Festival**, July 2006; **Or Sioe**, National Eisteddfod, August 2006; Guest artiste with **Morrison Orpheus Choir**, May 2007; **Hawk** film soundtrack, July 2007, Soprano soloist and ensemble.

**Referees:** Contact details available on request - Eiddwen Harry; Adrian Partington