



## **Nichola Hunter**

### **Flute**

Nichola was born in Southport, Lancashire and started her musical studies at Chetham's School of Music, Manchester, initially playing oboe before changing to the flute. She later studied at Bretton Hall College in Yorkshire and then at the Royal Northern College of music with Trevor Wye, Kate Hill and Colin Chambers and on piccolo with Patricia Morris. She has taken part in many flute master classes with well known flautists including James Galway, William Bennett, Geoffrey Gilbert and Aureole Nicolet.

Nichola currently works as a freelance musician playing flute, piccolo and alto flute and has a busy, successful career working with many of the major British orchestras including the BBC Philharmonic, Hallé and Royal Liverpool Philharmonic.

Nichola has performed many solo concerti and has given recital concerts all over Great Britain. She also enjoys working in chamber music groups and has appeared on television (regularly on Songs of Praise) and on radio. Nichola is co-principal flute with the Northern Chamber Orchestra with whom she has performed as soloist and made several highly acclaimed CD recordings. Nichola is a core player with sinfonia ViVA and greatly enjoys the wide spectrum of varied music they perform.

Nichola lives in South Manchester and enjoys a surprising range of leisure activities which include creative design with textiles, theatre-going and tap dancing and she is a founder member of the Manchester Breakfast Rotary Club.

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