

Katie Hodges – Trumpet

Katie is a busy freelance trumpet player, performing over many different genres and on numerous different instruments in exciting, eclectic and sometimes unusual projects. She studied at Royal Holloway, University of London, graduating with a first class degree, followed by a Masters' Degree in Performance from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and further studies with Jean-François Madeuf at the Schola Cantorum Basiliensis.

Katie has performed with numerous major symphony orchestras, including the London Symphony Orchestra, the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra and the Aurora Orchestra. She enjoys performing contemporary music and has performed regularly with the London Contemporary Orchestra. She loves being involved in innovative and exciting projects, for example a recent premiere of Oliver Leith's Garland with the 12 Ensemble involving a live horse and lots of brown masking tape! Katie can be heard on many film soundtracks and TV shows, for example Dr Who, Spiderman Across the Spiderverse and Alien Covenant. Notable performances in the pop world involve playing for Adele, Kanye West and Mumford and Sons, including Adele's UK tour and Glastonbury performance in 2016.

Katie is passionate about exploring instruments and music of the past, from the natural trumpet to more "modern" instruments involving valves such as the soprano saxhorn and the early cornet. Katie is probably the only female to ever have played the "real" natural trumpet (without the aid of vent holes) at the Royal Albert Hall, performing in the BBC Proms with Concert Spirituel, and she has also featured at the BBC Proms as part of a saxhorn band with the Orchestre Revolutionnaire et Romantique. She is a member of the Prince Regents Band and she plays regularly for period orchestras including the Gabrieli Consort and the Academy of Ancient Music.

When not playing the trumpet Katie enjoys spending time with her family, swimming in lakes, and walking in the Lake District fells. She is delighted to be performing for the first time at the Brundibár Arts Festival.