

## **Kyra Humphreys**

Kyra Humphreys is an accomplished orchestral and chamber musician. She has performed with most of the major UK symphony and chamber orchestras and appeared as guest leader or director with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, the Orchestra of the Royal Opera House and Orchestra of Opera North.

She has appeared as a soloist in the BBC Proms and performed in music festivals around the world. Her world premiere of John Casken's 'Après un Silence' (violin and orchestra version) was broadcast live on BBC Radio 3 and described as "authoritatively dramatic" by The Times.

As the violinist/violist of the Zanfonia Trio Kyra was a finalist in the Osaka International Chamber Music Competition and the trio performed frequently throughout the UK as award winners in both the Munster and John Tunnell Trust concert scheme competitions.

Since 1998 Kyra has been the Co-Leader of Royal Northern Sinfonia. She has appeared as director and soloist with the orchestra on numerous occasions, performing a wide repertoire. Highlights include several Mozart Concertos, the Barber and Kurt Weil Violin Concertos, and most recently both Piazzola's 'Four Seasons', and Philip Glass' The American Four Seasons for Violin Solo and Strings. She has also maintained a busy chamber and contemporary music schedule, playing regularly through the year in Royal Northern Sinfonia chamber ensembles.

For the last 15 years Kyra has coached regularly for the National Youth Orchestra, both live and digitally. She has a number of private violin pupils, as far as a busy orchestra schedule allows.

A Londoner by birth and a Mathematics graduate of Oxford University, Kyra Humphreys lives in Newcastle with her four children.