

## **Joanna Tomlinson – Conducting Biography**

In addition to her role as Assistant Director of the Whitehall Choir, Joanna is the Music Director of Constanza Chorus and Chamber Choir, the internationally renowned Farnham Youth Choirs and the choirs at Reading University. She is Associate Director of East London Chorus. She is also on the tutor panel for the Association of British Choral Directors.

With Constanza Chorus she has recently conducted Brahms *Requiem* with the London Mozart Players and Mendelssohn *Elijah* at the Cadogan Hall and mass at St Peter's Basilica in Rome. Farnham Youth Choir is an award-winning upper voice choir, who won two gold medals in the 2015 European Choir Games in Magdeburg.

She has also worked with some of the UK's top choirs including BBC Symphony Chorus, London Symphony Chorus, Joyful Company of Singers, Royal College of Music Chorus, Manchester Chamber Choir, Trinity Laban Junior College Choirs, and Wimbledon Choral Society.

In demand as a workshop leader, recent workshops include sessions for UK Choir Festival, ABCD, London Choral Conducting Masterclasses, and the Gabrieli Consort "Roar" and Philharmonia Orchestra education schemes.

Joanna has studied conducting with Neil Ferris and Peter Hanke, and at the Sherborne Summer School under George Hurst. She has participated in masterclasses with Paul Brough, Patrick Russill, Peter Broadbent, Michael Reif and John Dickson. She studied singing at the Royal College of Music, where she gained the post-graduate diploma in singing with Distinction. She has appeared as soprano soloist in much of the core oratorio repertoire. As a choral singer, Joanna works with BBC Singers, Philharmonia Voices, Britten Sinfonia Voices, Gabrieli Consort and Sonoro at venues including Royal Festival Hall, Royal Albert Hall, Barbican and the Sage, Gateshead.

Joanna teaches singing and conducting. She has taught at Bedales School, Trinity Laban Junior Department and Royal College of Music Junior Department and worked as vocal coach to the Polish National Youth Choir.