

Clare Beesley – Biography

In 2006 Clare Beesley graduated from the Royal Conservatory of the Hague with a Second Phase Diploma in early music and historical performance practice, receiving a distinction in renaissance music. Since 2000 she has studied baroque and classical traverso with Wilbert Hazelzet and renaissance flute with Kate Clark. Previously Clare received both BA (hons) and MA degrees in music at the Birmingham Conservatoire, UK.

Clare performs regularly with the baroque ensembles *Triptych* and *Vox Luminus* and on classical flute with *Capriccio* and the quartet *L'art de varier*. She is a founder member of the renaissance ensemble *Prima Prattica*, which gives frequent concerts in the Netherlands, UK and Germany. In 2005 she was principal flautist with the *National Jeugd Orkest* directed by Jos van Immerseel and in the same year worked with the *Attaignant Consort of Renaissance Flutes* directed by Kate Clark. In April 2007 Clare performed with the *Holden Chapel Choir*, Harvard, US in programmes of Dowland and the music of JS Bach's predecessors at the Thomas Kirche, Leipzig.

Later this year, Clare will perform as a semi-finalist in the 2007 National Flute Association Baroque Flute Artist Competition in New Mexico. Future engagements include concerts in Italy and the Netherlands with the *Attaignant Consort* and a summer tour of Germany with *Prima Prattica*.

Recent publications include *Inspiration and Insights - a synopsis of the Stiftung Kloster Michaelstein Musikinstitut für Aufführungspraxis 27th symposium on musical instrument building: "The history, construction and playing technique of the transverse flute"* for *Traverso* magazine, October 2006.

Concert Calendar

Recent performances:

- March 2007 J.S. Bach cantatas with *Vox Luminus*, Ratingen, Germany.
- April 2007 *The predecessors of JS Bach at the Thomas Kirche* in conjunction with the Holden Chapel Choir, Harvard, U.S.
- April 2007 *John Dowland and his circle*, Holden Chapel, Harvard Yard, Harvard, U.S.
- May 2007 *Prima Prattica* private concert in Edam, The Netherlands.
- May 2007 *Prima Prattica Renaissance Flute Consort* perform a lunchtime recital at the University of Leeds, UK, Sunday 27 May, 1500h.

Forthcoming concerts:

- August 2007 Semi-final of the *National Flute Association Baroque Flute Artist Competition*, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- August 2007 Concert tour of Germany with *Prima Prattica*.
- September 2007 Performance with the *Attaignant Consort of Renaissance Flutes*, The Netherlands.
- October 2007 Performance with the *Attaignant Consort of Renaissance Flutes*, Cremona, Italy.

Audience Comments

Prima Prattica Renaissance flute consort lunchtime recital at the University of Leeds, UK, May 2007

"what an excellent concert ... We have had the privilege of hearing a

very talented trio. Please pass on my appreciation I do hope they can be invited back!!"