

Julian Bliss

Biography

Firmly established on the international concert scene Julian Bliss has already appeared as soloist with a number of important orchestras including the London Philharmonic, BBC Symphony, Royal Philharmonic, Orchestre National de France, City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, Seattle Symphony, BBC Philharmonic, BBC National Orchestra of Wales, NHK Symphony, Munich Chamber, Gulbenkian Orchestra, Malaysian Philharmonic, Swedish Radio Symphony, and the Bergen Philharmonic.

In recital Julian has appeared at such prestigious venues as the Wigmore Hall, Cadogan Hall, the Louvre in Paris, Montpellier Festival, Jerusalem Music Festival, Bad Kissingen, Rheingau and Mecklenburg Festivals, where he was awarded the audience prize and is now a regular guest. He recently gave a very successful debut recital at the Lincoln Center in New York. As a prolific chamber musician, Julian has collaborated with artists such as Joshua Bell, Steven Isserlis, Misha Maisky, Steven Kovacevich, Elena Bashkirova, Julian Rachlin, Simon Trpceski and Helen Grimaud.

Julian's recordings for EMI have been greeted with critical acclaim and of his most recent release with Sabine Meyer as recording partner was said "Spohr Clarinet Concerto no.2 in C minor, colourfully played by Julian Bliss, is full of instrumental invention, pitting the clarinet against some highly original effects and so requiring much care in balance as well as finger dexterity." (Gramophone)

Julian has appeared on national television on numerous occasions; at the Queen's 80th Birthday at the BBC Proms in front of a live audience and a television audience around the world in forty countries, in a three-part documentary about his life for Channel 4 entitled 'Gifted', and he was among the distinguished artists invited to perform at the Queen's Golden Jubilee Celebrations at Buckingham Palace on 1 June 2002.

In 2007 Julian was invited by Conn Selmer to design a range of affordable clarinets bearing his name. The BLISS range of clarinets was recently launched world-wide and have received much praise.