



Yorkshire-born **Anastasia Micklethwaite MA (Cantab.), ARCM, ACIB, PGCE** is a professional flautist, contralto and conductor. She has lived and worked in London and New York, moving to the Lake District in 2002. Anastasia has toured extensively as a soloist, chorister and orchestral musician, and has performed at many of the world's leading concert halls. She maintains a very active performing and teaching career, specialising in flute and voice.

Anastasia has won several major awards and competitions for her own performances, and she has made numerous TV and radio broadcasts and commercial recordings. She has studied and worked with such renowned musicians as Atarah Ben-Tovim, Janet Alexander, David Butt, Michael Brewer, Sir Neville Marriner and others. She was a founder member of the National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain, and went on to perform with the National Youth Orchestra and the National Youth Choir.

A former student at Chetham's School of Music, Anastasia won a Choral Exhibition to Trinity College, Cambridge, where she read music. She is also an Associate of the Royal College of Music in London (flute performance).

Anastasia has worked with many choirs and orchestras, and she particularly enjoys working with children. She has worked as a flute coach with the National Children's Orchestra, as Director of the Children's Chorus for Lakeland Opera, and she is a conductor for the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain.

Anastasia is currently the director of Furness Music Centre in Cumbria and is Head of Instrumental and Vocal Studies at Dowdales School, a specialist college for the Performing Arts. She is also in demand as a private flute and vocal coach, and as a soloist, choral conductor, chorister and orchestral musician. She enjoys encouraging musicians of all ages to develop choral and orchestral skills, and she brings professional musicians from across the country to perform in South Cumbria.