

## SOPHIA GRECH – MEZZO SOPRANO

Acclaimed mezzo-soprano Sophia Grech has enjoyed a busy international career over the last 20 years having graduated from the Royal College of Music in 1995. Travelling extensively, Sophia has gained considerable acclaim for her countless performances at leading concert halls, opera houses and international festivals worldwide. She is described by Decca Records as “an excellent artist” and The Sunday Times as “an artist who delivers without effort, displaying inner feelings and sensitivity”.

Sophia is equally at home on the concert platform and in opera, performing as a principal with numerous opera companies. Her favourite role is *Carmen*. The Times highlighted her performance as “fiery and elegant”. Appearances include The Maltese National Theatre Opera, the Royal Opera, Stowe Opera and London Early Opera. Sophia has given performances in all the UK’s major concert venues from the Royal Festival Hall to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and most recently at the Royal Albert Hall where she made a special appearance and spoke about her life as an opera singer with autism. Recitals at international festivals include the English Music Festival, Liszt International Festival (USA), Great Romantics Festival (Canada), L’escala Empuries International Music Festival (Spain), Prague Spring Festival, Malta International Festival, Belgrade International Chamber Music Series, Barcelona International Festival, and countless others. Throughout her career Sophia has also performed as a soloist with leading orchestras including many performances of Elgar’s *Sea Pictures* under the baton of conductors such as Nicholas Collon and Zubin Mehta.

Sophia has received considerable acclaim for her recordings and has performed music from her CDs across Europe and the United States, including TV appearances and interviews. In 2004 Sophia was invited to give a concert of her Maltese CD for the President of Malta. The Times reported, “Sophia sings the Maltese language with a clarity that few can emulate”.

Amongst the artists Sophia has collaborated with are guitarist Milos Karadaglic, baroque trumpeter Crispian Steele-Perkins, composers Roxanna Panufnik and Charles Camilleri, and celebrities Dame Judi Dench and Charles Dance. She has also been a member of the Crispian Steele-Perkins Trio since 2014.