



Clara Wittmann

Clara is a soprano singer from Cambridge and is currently in her second year at St Hilda's College, studying German and Italian. She has held choral scholarships at Brasenose and St Hilda's during her time at Oxford and was lead chorister of Great St Mary's chamber choir in Cambridge for many years before coming to university. She is also a Grade 8 violinist, lyricist and poet.

Clara attended the Guildhall School of Music & Drama young musicians programme as a first study singer and second study violinist, during which time her love for opera and song, as well as her love of languages, bloomed. She studied composition with Paul Whitmarsh and has set her own lyrics to music which she performed at school fairs.

She has sung with Cambridge Youth Opera in Offenbach's *Daphnis and Chloe* and taken part in Summer Master Classes with John Lattimore and with Dearbhla Collins at the National Opera Studio in London. Her recent poetry is forthcoming in an anthology of German essays and poetry on the Samizdat scene in East Germany.

In her year abroad Clara is hoping to sing in Leipzig and take bel canto vocal studies in Naples at the Conservatorio di Musica San Pietro a Majella.

She currently has vocal lessons with Stephen Taylor and Kate Symonds-Joy.