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### **PERSONAL PROFILE**

I am a confident, motivated professional singer, excellent in performing in several styles. I have an enthusiastic approach and the ability to take on new challenges. I am able to work under pressure and enjoy working in groups as well as a solo artist.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Taught Scottish Gaelic songs at The Royal College of Music in Cardiff to a group of visually impaired people of different ages
- Learnt Scottish Gaelic in less than a year
- Won Margot Campbell Trophy and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize for Silver Pendent Final at Royal National Mòd 2012
- Currently writing my autobiography
- Recorded a new album
- Completed my HNC Traditional music course
- Won Girvan Folk Festival Open Stage Competition in May 2009
- Performing in front of 30,000 people for a children's annual convention
- Performed with Corale Canepa at theatres in Sardinia
- Recorded CD with Corale Canepa
- Conducted vocal group and performed with them for 2 years
- Joined Maspindzelice Georgian Choir
- Joined City Lit A Cappella Group in September 2002
- Conducted the London Bulgarian Choir for the North London Festival in June 2003
- Performed at the Edinburgh Festival in August 2006
- Toured with the London Bulgarian Choir in 2005

### **SKILLS**

- Performing solo and with a group
- Perfect pitch
- Fluent in English, Italian, Sardinian and French, good understanding of Spanish Learning Scottish Gaelic
- Learning to play the violin
- Ability to conduct a band and vocal groups
- Giving vocal coaching to individuals and small groups
- Ability to perform a cappella
- Ability to learn fast and remember
- Ability to work on my own initiative

**PERFORMANCE HISTORY**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Nov 2017</b>	<b>St John's Church Cardiff</b>	<b>Fundraising Concert</b>
<b>Sept 2017</b>	<b>The Apothecary Cardiff</b>	<b>Concert</b>
<b>Aug 2017</b>	<b>Milgi's Yurt Restaurant and Bar</b>	<b>Storytelling &amp; Music</b>
<b>July 2017</b>	<b>Purbeck Folk Club Langton Matravers Village Hall</b>	<b>Concert</b>
<b>June 2017</b>	<b>Pitlochry Festival Theatre River Room</b>	<b>Hidden Treasures</b>
<b>May 2017</b>	<b>Coffi House Cafe</b>	<b>Concert</b>
<b>March 2017</b>	<b>Glasgow Caledonian University</b>	<b>IRISS Gypsy Travellers Event</b>
<b>November 2016</b>	<b>The Chapel 1877 Bar Restaurant</b>	<b>Sunday Sounds</b>
<b>November 2016</b>	<b>The Brickworks Cardiff</b>	<b>Brickstock Festival</b>
<b>January 2016</b>	<b>The Woodlands Centre Stornaway</b>	<b>Headlining Fundraising event for the Royal National Mòd</b>
<b>January 2016</b>	<b>An Lantair Stornaway</b>	<b>Holocaust Event</b>

October 2015	Story Telling Centre Edinburgh	From The Horse/s Mouth Book Launch attended by the Minister for Culture Y Europe Fiona Hislop MSP
May 2015	Howard Assembly Rooms Leeds	Twiiight Concert Series
December 2014	Lerwick Town Hall	Shetland JAWS Christmas Cabaret
August 2014	Islesburgh Community Centre	Fundraising concert
July 2014	Mareel Lerwick	Eddi Reader Support
July 2014	Harrison Square Lerwick	Living Lerwick Festival Queen's Baton Relay Celebrations
May 2014	Islesburgh Community Centre	Shetland-Norwegian Friendship Society Norwegian National Day Celebrations
May 2014	Garrison Theatre Lerwick	Shetland Forwirs Fundraising Concert
May 2014	Scalloway Hall	Shetland Folk Festival
April 2014	Royal George Hotel Perth	InGave a talk & performed at ner Wheel Club of Peerth's open meeting
February 2014	Mareel Lerwick	Supporting Ross Ainslie & Jarlath Henderson
January 2014	BBC Radio Shetland Studios	Pit Lane Sessions
December 2013	Harrison Square , Lerwick	Living Lerwick Winter Festival
November 2013	Scottish Parliament Garden Lobby	RNIB Cross Party Committee Reception
November 2013	Tree Top Hotel Aberdeen	Deaf Blind Scotland Fundraising Event
September 2013	Lerwick Town hall	CLAN Fundraising Event
July 2013	Gluss	Glusstonberry Festival
September 2013	Piazzetta della Misura Rorli, Italy	A Box Full of Treasures Folk Festival
June 2013	Shetland Museum Archives Boat Room	'Aa Sangs At A'll Sing ta dee' book launch
May 2013	Mareel Shetland Islands	Supporting Vam
May 2013	Fetlar Hall Shetland Islands	Supporting Vam
May 2013	Lerwick Town Hall	Shetland-Norwegian Friendship Society

March 2013	Various Shetland Venues	Norwegian National Day Celebrations Ignition
March 2013	The Reel Orkney	Concerts
March 2013	Thistle Hotel Glasgow	Deaf Blind Scotland Fundraising Gala Ball
February 2013	Nitten Folk Club	Concert
November 2012	Milnathorp Kinross-shire	Kinross-Shire Festival Concert
October 2012	Dunoon	Royal National Mòd Silver Pendent Competitions
August 2012	Pleasance Court Yard Edinburgh	Edinburgh Festival Concerts
August 2012	Porter Square	Fundraising Concert for Cancer research UK
May 2012	Dalguise Village Hall	Fundraising Concert for P&K Blind Society
January 2012	Leith Folk Club	Concert
November 2011	Atholl Arms Hotel Dunkeld	Concert
November 2011	Royal Dunkeld Hotel	Perthshire Amber Festival Open Mic
November 2011	House for an Art Lover Glasgow	Mary's Meals Fundraising Concert
October 2011	Glasgow City Chambers	Mary's Meals Gala Concert
September 2011	Leith Folk Club	Supporting Modhan
September 2011	Portpatrick Village Hall	Portpatrick Folk Festival Supporting Rua MacMillan
July 2011	The Wee Folk Club Edinburgh	Supporting Tony Mitchell
March 2011	The Old Mill Inn Pitlochry	Concert
	St Steven's Church Renfield St Glasgow	Glasgow Music Festival Various Competitions
March 2011		
January 2011	Glasgow Royal Concert Hall	Celtic Connections Danny Kyle's Open stage
November 2010	Tramway Theatre	Instal Festival
November 2010	Glasgow City Halls	Debut Album Launch
November 2010	Scottish Youth Theatre	Disability Arts Festival
October 2010	Pitlochry Festival Theatre	Perthshire Amber Festival Open Mic
October 2010	Thurston	Royal National Mòd Various Open Competitions
September 10	The Cross Linlithgow	Linlithgow Folk Festival

July 10	Balloch Park	Open stage Lomond Festival Open Stage
April 10	Glasgow City Halls Recital Room	Concert
January 10	Glasgow Royal Concert Hall	Celtic Connections Open Stage
October 09	Pitlochry Festival Theatre	Performed 2 slots at Perthshire Amber Festival Open Mic
September 2009	Chapleton Folk Club	Floor Spot supporting George Boyd
September 2009	Linlithgow	Linlithgow Folk festival Open Stage
July 2009	Scotia Bar Glasgow	Support Act for Alistair Hulett
May 2009	35 <sup>th</sup> Girvan Traditional Folk Festival	Won Open Stage Competition
April 2009	The Star Folk Club Glasgow	Floor Spot Supporting Mike Silver
February 2009 – April 2009	Sloans Argyll Street Glasgow	Singing at the Ceilidh with the Chitterybite Band
November 2008	Glasgow Royal Concert Hall	Stow College Graduation Ceremony
October 2008	Black Friars Primary School Glasgow	Inspiration Festival led workshops with the Sounds of Progress
October 2008	Bridlington Yorkshire	Musicport Festival performing with the London Bulgarian Choir
April to June 2008	All around Scotland and Citizen's Theatre Glasgow	Liar in co-operation with TAG Theatre and the Sound of Progress
March 2008	Cragie Inn	Floor Spot Music at Cragie's Supporting The Sangsters
September 2007	Café Royal London Piccadilly	Bonobo Entertainment Seventh Heaven
June 2007	Scottish Arts Club Edinburgh	Concert
March 2007	Edinburgh City Chambers	Celebrations for the Bulgarian National Day
February 2007	Wigmore Hall	RNIB Professional Development day
November 2006	BBC Broadcasting House	BBC Radio 4 "In Touch"
August 2006	Opal Lunge George St. Edinburgh	Edinburgh Festival The cave of the Golden Calf
January 2006 – August 2006 August 2005	Edinburgh Glasgow and London Bulgaria	Various Private performances Tour with the London

March 2005	Cambridge	Bulgarian Choir Concert with the Good Vibrations Choir
December 2004	Holy Trinity Church, Prince Consort Road London	Christmas Concert
December 2004	Cecil Sharp House	Balkan Class Christmas Party
December 2004	Triple Crown Inn Pub Richmond	Performed Jazz Standards
December 2004	Bulgarian Embassy	Friends of Bulgaria Christmas Party
October 2004	Shepherds' Bush Empire	Support Act to Devendra Banhart
July 2004	School of Oriental & African Studies	London World music Summer School
July 2004	Fulham Palace	Friends of Bulgaria's Charity Summer concert
May 2004	St Pancras Old Church	Spring Concert
May 2004	Bulgarian Embassy	Cultural event
April 2004	Goodenough College	European Culture night
March 2004	St Paul's Church Hall	Concert with Talitha MacKenzie
February 2004	Cecil Sharp House	Festival of Song Choirs Day
December 2003	Bulgarian Embassy	Concert
December 2003	St Pancras Old Church	Christmas Concert
October 2003	Royal Festival Hall	Big Sing Thing
July 2003	Tufnell Park Church Hall	Singing for Life Festival (Led choir)
September 2002 – July 2003	Various venues	Pop & Jazz performances with City Lit A Cappella Group
January 2001 - July 2002	Various Venues	Maspindzeli Georgian Choir performing traditional Georgian (East European) music

## **VOCAL COACHES**

Lidia Flett  
Charles McLoughlin  
Barry Booth  
Dessislava Stefanova  
Cara Duel

## **Guitar Tutors**

Jenn Butterworth  
Ewen Sutherland

## **Fiddle Tutor**

Pete Clark

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

Aug 2012	Waulking Song and Puirt-a-beul Course Sobhal Mòr Ostaig
July 2012	Flòdaigearraidh Week Sobhal Mòr Ostaig
May 2012	Gaelic Level 6 Sobhal Mòr Ostaig
Oct 2009	Arvon Foundation Writing Course
June 2009	Song writing Course
2008 -	Creative Writing class Visibility
2008/2010	HNC in Celtic Traditional Music
2004	Braille Music Course Royal College of Music London
1997	Grade 4 Singing Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music
1995	A Level Music Italian Equivalent

### **INTERESTS**

Part of the National Panel of advisers for Audio Describer Trainees at the Audio Description Association (audio description enables visually impaired people to enjoy theatre plays, films and other live performances)

Attending jazz, classical, folk and pop concerts and films

Walking in the country and hiking

**REFERENCES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST**