

TOP 5

CLARINETTISTS

Two former Young Musician of the Year stars grace our pick of the top five clarinetists



TOP CHOICE

Michael Collins Age:47

Master soloist who is also one of the all-time great chamber players

Winner of the woodwind class in the very first Young Musician of the Year (1978), Collins is renowned for championing today's composers and premiered Adams's Clarinet Concerto. He's the ultimate musician's musician who makes each performance an unforgettable event.

HEAR HIM ON...

Gregson: Clarinet Concerto
Chandos CHAN 10105

HEAR HIM LIVE...

Brahms: Clarinet Quintet
30 October, Leeds University
leeds.ac.uk/music/concerts

ERIC RICHMOND, JOE BANGAY, NINA LARGE/JINGPEN WILLIAMS 2009, THOMAS RABSCH/EMI CLASSICS, MATS BÄCKER



Emma Johnson Age:43

Mesmerising player who has done much to popularise the clarinet

Since winning the Young Musician of the Year in 1984, Emma Johnson has been a long-time audience favourite who plays even the most familiar pieces with astonishing freshness and bravado. She is equally at home in solo, concerto and ensemble work.

HEAR HER ON... *Crusell: Clarinet Concerto* ASV ASV 784

HEAR HER LIVE... *Finzi: Clarinet Concerto* **10 August, Hereford Cathedral** 3choirs.org



Andrew Marriner Age:55

Sublime musician with a liquid technique

An orchestral player without equal, British-born Andrew Marriner (son of conductor Neville) is a musical conjurer whose sleight-of-hand style makes everything look deceptively easy. Currently the principal clarinetist of the LSO.

HEAR HIM ON... *Mozart: Clarinet Concerto* Pentatone PTC 5186 048

HEAR HIM LIVE... *Ravel & Debussy* **20 September, Barbican, London** iso.co.uk



Sabine Meyer Age:50

Child prodigy who became one of the clarinet's principal ambassadors

Appointed at just 23 by Karajan as the Berlin Philharmonic's principal clarinetist (and the orchestra's first-ever female member), Meyer is a playing sensation. Her appointment caused controversy and she left to pursue her highly successful solo career.

HEAR HER ON... *Nielsen: Clarinet Concerto* EMI Classics 394 4212

HEAR HER LIVE... *Bach, Mozart, et al.* **31 Aug, Schubertiade Festival, Austria** schubertiade.at



Martin Fröst Age:39

A simply invigorating and brilliant player

Martin Fröst is a Swedish virtuoso whose unbridled passion and intensity is highly compelling. Able to bring a fresh perspective to whatever he plays, he is equally at home in everything from Mozart to contemporary music.

HEAR HIM ON... *Brahms: Clarinet Sonatas* BIS BIS-SACD-1353

HEAR HIM LIVE... *Recital* **26 October, Concertgebouw, Amsterdam** concertgebouwworkes.nl