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## **EDUCATION HISTORY**

Master Classical Singing FONTYS Hogeschool voor de Kunsten Graduation: 2019

#### **Pre-Masters**

Conservatorium van Amsterdam Graduation; 2017

**B.A.** (Hons) Music - First Class University of Sussex Graduation: 2014

## Kat Carson

singer, teacher, maker

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### Music Director: Eurokoor Leiden (Community Choir)

2024-present

- Direct the choir in weekly rehearsals.
- Direct the band and choir together for biannual performances.

## Founder/Vocal Coach: Stichting The Cauldron (Performing Arts Foundation)

2021-present (3 years)

- Produced and curated a programme of musical theatre shows including several Netherlands premiers.
- Completed two crowd-funding campaigns, received funding from AFK, The Netherlands-American Funds and VSB Fonds.
- Ran regular fundraising events and workshops.

## **Co-founder/Artistic Director: Nymphes et Monstres (Baroque Ensemble)** 2017-present (7 years)

- Arranged and executed three U.K. tours.
- Created four interdisciplinary productions, funded by *Stichting NORMA*, Fondspodiumkunsten, Gemeente Amsterdam, and the Rijksmuseum.
- Performed in Festival Oude Muziek UtrechtFringe, Bruges MA Festival, and on Opium Radio 4.
- Ran social media accounts and campaigns for all tours and productions.

#### Freelance Singer & Teacher

2013-present (11 years)

- Arranged lessons and all related administration privately.
- Coached The Wazzup Singers for B! Music School Amsterdam.
- Released an EP of original music.
- Performed Recitals and solo performances and organise all travel/administration.
- Ran social media accounts and campaigns for self promotion.
- Self-employed in the Netherlands since 2016, including bookkeeping and taxes

## **Co-founder/Artistic Director:** *The Wandering Bard (Medieval Ensemble)* 2017-2020 (3 years)

- Managed three U.K. tours and two European tours.
- Recorded and released three albums of Early Music & Storytelling.
- Organised and taught two storytelling workshops.
- Crowdfunded successfully to purchase two commissioned instruments.

## Project Producer (2 projects): BREMF Community Choir 2014-2016 (2 years)

- Arranged two educational projects with different Brighton schools, the BREMF Community Choir, and a leading Sackbutt ensemble.
- Staged the opera 'Dido & Aeneas' with children and the community choir acting as the chorus, while young soloists took the roles.
- Fundraised over £1000 for the charity Music For Youth.

## Music Director: Schola Cantorum (St. Pancras Catholic Church) 2014-2016 (2 years)

- Arranged biweekly liturgical contributions with the church.
- Coached Choral Scholars.
- Conducted the choir in biweekly church services.

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## ADDITIONAL SKILLS

### Languages

English, French, Dutch

### Instruments

Piano/keyboards, Dulcimer

#### **Tech**

Proficient in Microsoft Office incl. Excel

### **Additional**

Trained in Safeguarding (2022)

## AWARDS, AFFILIATIONS, AND INTERESTS

## **REMA**rkables Training Scheme **REMA** European Early Music Network

2022 - Present

(2 years)

 Training scheme run intended to support and help artistic directors of ensembles to reach the next level in their careers.

https://www.rema-eemn.net/projects/remarkable/

# Music & Research Festival Jurieprijs & Publiekprijs Winner FONTYS Hogeschool voor de Kunsten

2019

• Prizes awarded for Master Research Project.

## Madame Mimi Scharrer Cup Winner

### **Springboard Festival**

2012

• Prize awarded for the recital section of the competition.

https://www.springboardfestival.co.uk/

#### **Member**

### **Dutch Historical Acting Collective**

2020 - Present

- Activities include research, performance practice, workshops and play readings.
- Organised and ran workshops in *Overacting*; the first Historical Theatre Festival in Leiden, funded by *Festival Oude Muziek Utrecht*.
- Performed in the above.

https://jedwentz.com/dhac/