

Lowri Porter MA (Cantab) DipRAM LRAM MSc

Lowri is Co-Leader of the Welsh National Opera Orchestra, having been with the orchestra since 2005. As well as regularly leading WNO, she has made guest appearances as Leader of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and the BBC Philharmonic, Co-Leader of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and Principal 2nd of the Royal Northern Sinfonia, the BBC Philharmonic and BBC Scottish Symphony orchestras. Before joining WNO, she was Principal 2nd Violin of Northern Ballet Theatre, also playing regularly with the Scottish Ensemble.

Aside from her orchestral work, Lowri is a passionate chamber musician, giving regular concerts as a founder member of the Zoltan Ensemble. She was invited to play at the Corbridge Chamber Music Festival by the Gould Piano Trio in 2016 and the same year gave a recital at St David's Hall in Cardiff as part of their lunchtime series.

2020 marks the completion of her Masters course at the Royal College of Music studying Performance Science, covering subjects including performance psychology, performance education and musicians' health and wellbeing. Lowri is passionate not only about students' musical and technical development but also in their non-playing abilities, and believes in preparing students mentally for the challenges they will face as professional musicians.

Born in Cardiff in 1977, Lowri read Music at Selwyn College, Cambridge, before studying with Howard Davis and Marianne Thorsen at the Royal Academy of Music. During her time at the Academy, Lowri was awarded the DipRAM prize and led the European Union Youth Orchestra.

Lowri plays on a Testore violin, kindly loaned to her by an anonymous donor.