

## DR HANNAH DARROCH

**Dr Hannah Darroch** is the Principal Flute of the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra and teaches at the University of Canterbury. Her varied career as a flutist has included orchestral and small ensemble playing in a range of genres across NZ, Canada, and the USA. Recent appearances include concertos at the International Conference on Mixed Music Pedagogy in Montreal, a free improvisation clinic at the 2020 Jazz Education Network conference in New Orleans, and a tour for Chamber Music New Zealand with her Montreal-based duo partner, award-winning Canadian guitarist Steve Cowan. She has worked with the International Contemporary Ensemble at the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity and collaborated frequently with six-time Grammy-nominated American percussionist and composer John Hollenbeck while living in Montreal. She was recently awarded a grant from Creative NZ to commission and record four new works for flute and piano by NZ women composers.



After more than a decade as a frequent contractor with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, Hannah can be heard on a number of NZSO recordings on the Naxos, EMI, and Universal labels, including the soundtrack to *The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies* and Simon O'Neill's *Father and Son*. She also features on the premiere recording of Frank Ticheli's Pulitzer Prize-nominated work *Songs of Love and Life* recorded on Klavier Records in the United States, and on *Les Oiseaux*, a new album by French indie-pop band Les Passagers.

She has a Doctor of Music from McGill University in Montreal, Canada, where she was also teaching flute, chamber music, and woodwind orchestral excerpts before her move to Christchurch in 2020. She also has a Master of Music from the University of Colorado Boulder, and an Executive Graduate Certificate through the Global Leaders Program in the USA in Social Entrepreneurship, Business Management, Community Development, and Teaching Artistry - a year-long programme for 30 selected musicians worldwide.

Hannah is in-demand as a teacher, recently giving guest classes in a range of locations across Canada, the United States, South America, and Australia. Here in New Zealand, she has been a touring coach for high school ensembles preparing for the annual CMNZ Chamber Music Contest and has worked with the woodwind sections of numerous youth and community orchestras and bands, including the NZSO National Youth Orchestra. She was awarded a McGill Teaching Award in 2020 for her commitment to innovation and collaboration in her work on the teaching staff at McGill University in Montreal.

*Dr Darroch gives a flute masterclass in Christchurch Sunday 23 October 10am – 12pm*