

Alasdair Nicolson Short Biog

Alasdair Nicolson was born in Inverness in 1961 and brought up on the Isle of Skye and the Black Isle. His first musical experiences were in traditional music before going on to study at Edinburgh University. An award-winning composer, he is now regarded as one of Scotland's most important new musical voices. He has written music for many of the leading orchestras, ensembles and soloists in the UK and abroad and his music has been performed and broadcast all over the world from New York to Santiago, Tokyo to Sydney. Most recently premieres have been given by the Nash Ensemble, the London Symphony Orchestra, the BBC Symphony Orchestra and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra. He has a strong commitment to work within education, with amateur performers, and particularly with young composers; and has made a television programme with the BBC SSO about composition and written two books about composing. He is Director of the St Magnus Composers Course and Artistic Director of the award-winning Sound Inventors Project. Although he has a busy schedule writing music he has always maintained a career as a performing musician and works as conductor and pianist. He makes his debut as conductor this season with the London Symphony Orchestra.

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