

## Alice Neary (UK)

British cellist Alice Neary plays a Gagliano cello of 1720. She won the 1998 Pierre Fournier Award and major prizes in the 2001 Leonard Rose International Cello Competition in the USA and the 1997 Adam International Cello Competition in New Zealand. She won the string section of the 1996 Royal Overseas League Competition and the silver medal in the 1994 Shell/LSO Competition resulting in a performance of the Haydn C major Concerto with the London Symphony Orchestra at the Barbican. Her appearances include concertos with the English Chamber Orchestra, City of London Sinfonia, the Israel Symphony Orchestra, Baltimore Symphony, Orchestra of St Johns, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, European Union Chamber Orchestra and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra. She frequently broadcasts on BBC Radio 3 and has given recitals at the Bridgewater Hall, Wigmore Hall, Purcell Room and at the Manchester International Cello Festival. Her wide repertoire includes music by many contemporary composers. In 1995 she was the soloist in a Sony Classical recording of *Innocence* by John Tavener, and she appeared in The South Bank Show's Tavener documentary. She has been artist-in-residence several times at the Presteigne Festival, performing works by Michael Berkeley, Robin Holloway and John McCabe. In 2005 she participated in the BBC's MacMillan weekend at London's Barbican Centre, as part of the Gould Trio, with whom she has been a cellist since 2002, and gave a live broadcast on BBC Radio 3 as part of a Beethoven weekend in 2005. The Trio has toured the USA and New Zealand, as well as giving many recitals in Europe. Neary is a founder member of the Ovid Ensemble, taking part in the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival in New Mexico.