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Mark Cartwright studied at the Guildhall School of Music, graduating and winning the school singing prize in 1983. Since then he has led a diverse musical life as a singer, pianist, conductor, composer, teacher, examiner and adjudicator.

From 1985 to 1990 he ran his own music centre in Leicester where he produced and performed in a regular series of popular chamber music concerts. At the same time he was music director of Ashleyan Opera and began to work on a number of educational projects with local children and also with Welsh National Opera and Opera North.

He has sung with most of the major opera companies in the United Kingdom and continental Europe, and at the Salzburg Festival.

As a piano accompanist he has worked with many of the most distinguished singers and teachers and plays frequently for heats of both the BBC Young Musician of the Year and the Kathleen Ferrier Memorial Award for Singers. He particularly enjoys working as a musical coach for young singers and instrumentalists, and seeing students perform with opera companies and the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain is always a great pleasure.

He lives 1,000 feet above sea level in the Peak District (Derbyshire, England) with his wife and two young daughters.

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