

Llinos Richards

Class of 1999, Music (cello)



Llinos Richards was born in Pembrokeshire in Wales. She began playing the piano when she was 6-years-old, and the cello when she was 7. Llinos won a scholarship at the age of 16 to study the cello at the Idyllwild Arts Academy in California, before continuing her studies at the Royal Academy of Music London with Colin Carr and Philip Sheppard where she graduated in 2003 with a Bachelor of Music Honours Degree. Llinos cello and piano duo performances with her sister Nerys have been widely acclaimed throughout the UK. This duo was the subject of an S4C documentary also broadcast on digital television.

Llinos has also appeared as soloist in the Royal Albert Hall. She has been principal cello of many orchestras including the International Chamber Orchestra and the Welsh Sinfonia and is also a regular player with The London Metropolitan Orchestra. Llinos has won many awards and competitions including Rosemary Locke Concerto Prize and National Eisteddfod. Llinos regularly performs live and on television with a number of major artists including Athlete, Elton John, Enya, Rod Stewart, Il Divo, Pussycat Dolls, Lemar, Will Young, Lee Ryan, Kanye West, John Legend, Michael Buble, Daniel Bedingfield, Katie Melua, Westlife, Gorillaz and Mcfly. She has toured with Alison Moyet, Aled Jones, Will Young, Simply Red, Gnarns Barkley, Brett Anderson and The Last Shadow Puppets.

She has recorded with Athlete, Lee Ryan, Kanye West, Mark Owen, Alison Moyet, Jon Lord, DJ Ironik, Beverly Craven, Will Young, James Morisson and can be heard on film soundtracks ranging from 10,000 BC to the Young Victoria.

Television credits include Top of the Pops, CDUK, Brit Awards, National Lottery, Parkinson, Strictly Come Dancing, GMTV, T4, This Morning, Children in Need, Des and Mel, Jools Holland, Record of the Year. Llinos features in Alison Moyets DVD "One Blue Voice" and Kanye Wests DVD Live and Orchestral at Abbey Road.

Siren Electric String Quartet is currently recognised as one of the UK's top entertainment acts. Graduates of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music in London, they have been attracting worldwide attention following stunning performances in Germany, France, Italy, Korea, Greece, Ireland, Spain, Portugal and for the Sheiks in Dubai. They have been a regular feature in international and UK press including 3 appearances in NME magazine. In the past year the girls have performed their show at



Wembley Stadium, Ricoh Arena, Liverpool Arena and Cardiff International Arena and the opening and closing shows for the Professional European Golf Championships on the Island of Cheju in South Korea. They have also been the support act to **Rod Stewart**, Natalie Imbruglia, performed at the Excite Awards **supporting Girls Aloud**, the La Dolce Vita Ball in London supporting Javine and Billy Ocean and at ICC in Birmingham sharing the headline slot with Myleene Klass. **siren** recently appeared as soloists with the Manchester Camerata Orchestra. They have featured on many tv shows including BBC1s Later With **Jools Holland**, **Jonathan Ross**, Live At Abbey Road, Channel 4s T4 Special and BBC Radio 1.

siren were the featured string quartet on two European tours with **Gnarls Barkley** and appeared with the band a record 9 weeks in a row on the legendary Top of the Pops with their no 1 hit Crazy. They have also performed with **P Diddy** at Wembley Stadium, with Alfie Boe on Parkinson, Mika at Brixton Academy, Mutya, Michael Buble and Hard Fi, featured as the strings in **Mark Ronson**'s video Valerie and recorded with **The Killers**, Brand New Heavies and Dutch X factor winner Lisa Hordijk. **siren** have also completed a European tour as part of **Simply Red**'s string section and performed in all of the major venues in the UK and much of Europe.

Members of **siren** have played with artists ranging from Kanye West and Gorillaz to Jay-Z, Take That and Dame Shirley Bassey. As classical players they have worked with Sir Yehudi Menuhin, Sir Colin Davies, Maxim Vengerov and Vladimir Ashkenazy, with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, London Symphony Orchestra, London Metropolitan Orchestra and Ulster Orchestra, and have performed in the Royal Albert Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Royal Festival Hall and Barbican in London and in concert halls of over 20 cities throughout the world.

siren also sing, making them extremely unique as a quartet. They have worked as backing vocalists for Alison Moyet on tour, sung on adverts for Nokia and Specsavers and worked with producers Rose and Foster (S Club, Kylie) and Richard Taylor.