

Biography

Dame Janet Ritterman DBE, BMus, MMus, PhD, Hon DMus, DUniv, Hon RAM

Dame Janet Ritterman commenced her career as a pianist and accompanist, specialising in working with singers, in chamber music performance and in the training of gifted performers. Having built her reputation as a performer, Janet then added teaching and research to her range and has produced reports on orchestral provision and opera training as well as research on many aspects of music pedagogy and repertoire. Between 1990 and 1993, Janet was Principal of the Dartington College of Arts and then held the position of Director of the Royal College of Music in London from 1993 to 2005, where she remains a Vice-President. In 2013, Janet became the Chancellor of Middlesex University, continuing an association that had commenced in 1975 when she joined the staff and contributed to the development of the first UK BA in Performing Arts. She also sits on the Main Board of the Austrian Research Council and served as chair of their International Board for arts-based research. In 2016 she was awarded the Austrian *Ehrenkreuz für Wissenschaft und Kunst, 1e Klasse*.