

Biography

Professor George Caird, MA (Cantab), FRAM, FRCM, FRNCM, HonFLCM, FRSA

George Caird studied the oboe at the Royal Academy of Music, at the Nordwestdeutsche Musikakademie Detmold and privately with Neil Black. George has worked with many major orchestras and was a member of The Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Fields from 1983 to 1993. He has devoted much time to chamber music, notably as a founder-member of The Albion Ensemble, Vega Wind Quintet and Caird Oboe Quartet. George has been a committed teacher and educationalist throughout his career. He joined the Royal Academy of Music as professor of oboe in 1984, subsequently taking on the roles of Head of Woodwind and Head of Orchestral Studies. Between 1993 and 2010, George was Principal of Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, and in 2011 he became Musical Director of the Classical Music Academy at Codarts Rotterdam. In 2017 he became interim Principal of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama prior to the appointment of their new Principal. George is President of the Barbirolli International Oboe Competition and President of Bramsgrove International Musicians' Competition.