

## Biography

### **Louise Williams**, ARAM

Louise Williams was a scholar at the Royal Academy of Music as a violinist. As a beneficiary of the Countess of Munster Musical Trust, she then studied at the Juilliard School, was on the Trust's Recital Scheme, and was sponsored for a recital at the Wigmore Hall and a concerto at the Southbank with the English Chamber Orchestra. Louise was a founder member of the Endellion Quartet as a violinist, and a member of the Chilingirian Quartet, Raphael Ensemble and Frith Piano Quartet as violist. She played as a guest with many ensembles including the Takács Quartet and the Nash Ensemble, played as a guest principal viola with many UK orchestras, was a regular visitor to IMS Prussia Cove and was an invited member of András Schiff's orchestra Cappella Andrea Barca. Louise taught viola at the RWCMD, and has been on the jury of the London International String Quartet Competition and the Melbourne International Chamber Music Competition.

In the 1980's, she spent several years away from music studying organic horticulture in England and meditation in India, and now, having recently retired from playing, she is an undergraduate at Birkbeck University studying history, and in the longer term is walking the coastline of Britain.