

# Fiona Kennedy OBE

## BIOGRAPHY



**Fiona Kennedy** is a glorious singer, actress and presenter who has been steeped in music, the theatre and television from childhood. Her career is diverse, with singing, broadcasting, and speaking at international corporate events, as well as producing a vibrant new production, *The Kist*, for The Edinburgh Festival and on tour.

**Fiona's** extensive theatrical experience includes performances of *The Thrie Estaies*, and *Servant of Two Masters* at The Edinburgh Festival, and the West End production of *Alfie*.

An engaging performer at live events, **Fiona** has sung at the *G8 Summit Launch*, *Celtic Connections*, The Queen's 80th birthday celebrations at Balmoral, and has performed at *The Braemar Gathering* for the Royal Family annually since 2009.

She was presenter on BBC'S *Record Breakers* for four series, and has performed on *Songs of Praise* and on many Children's programmes. As a host on the PBS network in the US, **Fiona** interviewed well-known actors and performers, including Sean Connery, Ewan Macgregor, Eric Idle, Billy Connolly and Alan Cumming. She produced and performed in *Highland Heartbeat*; a music, television and stage production highlighting outstanding young singers and musicians from Scotland and North America, with actor Brian Cox. On radio, **Fiona** has narrated *The Life and Times of JM Barrie* for BBC Radio2, and *Live at the Lemon Tree*, a weekly music and arts show also for the BBC.

With an international reputation, **Fiona** was invited as guest speaker to the first ever *NATO Burns Supper* in Brussels and has performed at many Burns Suppers all over the world, from the USA to Africa, as well as on home turf all over Scotland. She particularly enjoyed making the 'Reply from the Lassies' to Andrew Marr's Toast at The Royal Caledonian Society in London.

**Fiona's** charity commitments include her work as Vice President of *Voluntary Service Aberdeen*, and Patron of both *F.R.O.M. Scotland* (Famine Relief for Orphans in Malawi), and the *Pitlochry Festival Theatre*. In 2002 she was awarded an Honorary Degree (LLD Hons) from the University of Aberdeen in recognition of her work in music and the arts, as well as her charitable work, and in May 2005 she became a Burgess of the City of Aberdeen.

In the 2014 New Year honours, **Fiona** was awarded an OBE for services to Music and for charitable services in Scotland.

**Fiona** is married to fishing industry Managing Director, Francis Clark and they have three children, Hannah a marketing director, Francis a business student, and actress Sophie Kennedy Clark.

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