

### **Nicola Grunberg (Piano)**

Nicola trained at the Royal College of Music and in Israel. She has performed extensively as soloist, chamber musician and accompanist, appearing in all major venues in London and throughout the UK. She was married to the distinguished violist Cecil Aronowitz, and in 1976 they gave the first British performance of Shostakovich's last work, the sonata for viola and piano, at the Aldeburgh Festival in the presence of the composer's widow.

She has worked as official accompanist at the Britten-Pears School, the Mayer-Lisemann Opera Centre in London, Stowe Opera, the Guildhall School of Music and Drama as well as for competitions, auditions, exams and diplomas. For many years she taught at the Purcell School of Music in London and privately has taught at all levels from beginners to diploma standard.

Nicola has recently moved to Brighton from where she continues her teaching and freelance activities. She is an active member of the ISM (Incorporated Society of Musicians), serving as secretary for the Brighton Centre.