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Curriculum vitae

Soprano Elizabeth Dobbin started piano and music theory lessons at the age of five in her native Australia, and has been involved with music ever since. After graduating from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Arts and a first-class honours degree in Law, Elizabeth initially worked in the field of corporate and finance law in Sydney and London while working professionally as a freelance singer. A keen interest in early music drew her to pursue postgraduate studies at the Royal Conservatory, The Hague. There she studied with Rita Dams, Jill Feldman, Marius van Altena, and Michael Chance, and graduated with a Master's degree in early music singing in 2008. Elizabeth co-founded the baroque ensemble, *Le Jardin Secret*, with whom she won the first prize and audience prize at the Early Music Network International Young Artists' Competition in York, England. She has recorded several critically-acclaimed CDs with the group and recently released a new recording for Fuga Libera of the *airs sérieux* of Jean-Baptiste de Bousset (1662-1725), marking the re-discovery and modern premier of these works. Elizabeth has performed as a soloist and in chamber and choral formations across Europe. Recent solo highlights include an artistic residency at the Trigonale Early Music Festival, performances at the Festival van Vlaanderen, the Resonanzen Festival, the Arolser Barock Festspiele, the Lufthansa Baroque Festival, the London Handel Festival, the York Early Music Festival, the Brighton Early Music Festival, live broadcasts for the BBC and a tour of Spain with *Le Jardin Secret*. She has recorded for Coro, Alpha, Pentatone, Aliud, O.R.F. and Fuga Libera. Elizabeth is a keen educator, and has taught masterclasses in the UK and Europe. She is currently head of the Early Music Department at the Haute École de Musique, Genève.