

REIKO ICHISE (VIOLA DA GAMBA)

Tokyo born viola da gamba player Reiko is one of the most sought after musicians in the UK. After reading musicology, Reiko left Japan to the UK to pursue her study of viola da gamba at the Royal College of Music. Reiko's passion for chamber music led her to be a member of several prestigious ensembles such as Florilegium, Passacaglia, The King's Consort, Bach Players and the Elephant House Quartet. Reiko has made numerous critically acclaimed cd recordings and radio broadcasts. From 2009 for 8 years Reiko was a member of award- winning viol consort Fretwork with whom she had a privilege in performing both old and new music. As a soloist, she is in great demand, regularly performing with many leading orchestras including Academy of Ancient Music, English Baroque Soloists, Gabrieli Consort, Arte dei Suonatori, Britten Sinfonia, Halle Orchestra, appearing in many international festivals and series. Reiko is a viola da gamba professor at the Royal College of Music and lives in London.