

### Sybil Tutton



Sybil Tutton had a lifelong love of opera, which in later years was expressed as a passionate interest in the training of young singers. Her working life was spent at Mallet's antique dealers in Bond Street, London, where her father was a director and major shareholder. On his death, Sybil inherited his holding, becoming the largest single shareholder. In 1988 she used her personal funds to set up the Sybil Tutton Charitable Trust, which was to provide financial help for the postgraduate training of outstanding young opera singers who, it was believed, would achieve the standards of excellence she expected in a performance. She took a personal interest in the Trust and held an annual lunch to meet some of the young singers she was supporting. Sybil never married and died peacefully on 27 November 2002 aged 96 bequeathing most of her residuary estate to the Trust.

### About the Award

The Miss S M Tutton Charitable Trust was established on 19 January 1988 and the first Sybil Tutton Awards were presented that year. The awards primarily honour exceptionally talented singers studying opera at an advanced level, however the trust also provides funding for a number of related organisations such as British Youth Opera, The Britten-Pears Young Artist Programme, Clonter Opera, The National Opera Studio and the Young Concert Artists Trust. Past award winners include baritones Christopher Maltman and Ashley Holland, tenors Alfie Boe and Ed Lyon, sopranos Kate Royal and Katherine Broderick, and mezzo-sopranos Karen Cargill and Anna Stephany.