

# Brian Kay



## *Music, My Life*

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Brian Kay is a lucky man who has spent his entire working life in a rewarding and successful career as musician and broadcaster. His fascinating collection of memories and anecdotes throws a hugely entertaining light on a life entirely devoted to the joy of music and music-making. Starting as the founder bass with the internationally renowned

vocal group, The King's Singers, for 15 years, he then joined the BBC as presenter and host of many programmes, ranging from his own *Brian Kay's Sunday Morning* to *Melodies for You*. He moved back to the concert hall, conducting choral and orchestral concerts worldwide, including the annual 4000-voice Really Big Chorus *Messiah from Scratch* in London's Royal Albert Hall. He has been the lowest frog on a Paul McCartney single and a member of the backing group for Pink Floyd! Brian Kay recounts his fascinating life in intimate and amusing detail, sharing with us his great love of life and his abiding passion for music.

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Brian Kay was a choral scholar at King's College, Cambridge and has enjoyed three distinguished international careers as singer, broadcaster and conductor. He is married to the soprano Gillian Fisher, has a son, a daughter and three grandchildren, and lives in the Cotswolds, Oxfordshire.

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