

= Hayley Westenra =

Hayley Dee Westenra (born 10 April 1987) is a New Zealand singer , classical crossover artist , songwriter , and UNICEF Ambassador . Her first internationally released album , Pure , reached No. 1 on the UK classical charts in 2003 and has sold more than two million copies worldwide . Pure is the fastest @-@ selling international début classical album to date , having made Westenra an international star at age 16 . In August 2006 , she joined the Irish group Celtic Woman , was featured on their Celtic Woman : A New Journey CD and DVD , toured with them on their 2007 Spring Tour , and was also featured on their DVD , The Greatest Journey : Essential Collection , released in 2008 . Westenra has produced five New Zealand number one studio albums , holding the title for the most number one records for any New Zealand act , a record shared with alternative rock band Shihad since the release of their 2014 album , FVEY .

Across classical music to easy listening , folk and pop style songs , Westenra has performed songs in English , Irish , Spanish , Italian , German , French , Portuguese , Latin , Japanese , Mandarin Chinese , and Catalan .

Westenra has performed for dignitaries all over the world . She is the second youngest UNICEF Ambassador to date and has contributed to charities around the globe .

= = Early life = =

Westenra was born in Christchurch , New Zealand . Her parents , Jill and Gerald Westenra , have two other children , Sophie and Isaac . Westenra 's grandmother Shirley Ireland was a singer , and her grandfather was a pianist who also played the piano accordion . She has Irish , Dutch and English heritage .

She began performing at age six when she was cast in the lead singing role of " Little Star " in the Christmas play at her school , Fendalton Open Air School . After the show , a teacher who had watched the performance approached her parents to tell them that their daughter was " pitch perfect " . The teacher encouraged Westenra to learn how to play a musical instrument ; Hayley soon after learned to read music and play the violin , piano , guitar , and recorder . She then began voice lessons and discovered a passion for musical theatre . By age 11 , she had performed more than 40 times on stage , but was often given male parts : " I got boy parts quite often . In ballet , there were not enough boys . So they ended up choosing half and half . I got chosen to wear the grey suit and the wig , and not the pretty dresses . In A Christmas Carol , I was Tiny Tim , so I got to be quite a sick , sick boy . There was a severe lack of singing boys and , at the time , it was quite disappointing . " Westenra attended Cobham Intermediate School in 1998 and 1999 , where a performing arts building was later named in her honour . She won a talent quest in her first year (Year 9) at Burnside High School , which she attended from 2000 to 2003 .

= = Career = =

At 12 , Westenra entered a professional recording studio to record Walking in the Air , a demo album originally created for friends and family . At first , her parents paid for 70 copies ; soon after , 1 @,@ 000 more were cut for sale , hand @-@ out , and publicity . After finishing her album , Westenra and her sister Sophie busked in Christchurch , giving away a few of the original 70 albums (at the behest of passersby) and selling some of the latter 1000 . The pair drew large crowds , and one woman asked the girls if they had ever recorded anything . The woman , a journalist with Canterbury Television , asked Westenra to appear on air . Gray Bartlett , the director of a concert promotion company , saw the show and became interested in working with Westenra . Shortly after , she was offered a recording deal with Universal Records New Zealand . On that label , Westenra , who in the meantime was attending Burnside High School , released a self @-@ titled album of show tunes and light classical songs , as well as My Gift to You , a CD of Christmas music . Following the success of her albums , she was offered and later received lessons from Dame Malvina Major .

= = = International success = = =

Westenra 's albums were successful in New Zealand , but she was not well known worldwide until she signed a contract with Decca Records and recorded *Pure* , a CD of classical , light pop , and traditional Māori songs . Decca 's British president was also impressed with her voice when they signed her to the label , saying that she was " captivated by the beauty and expressiveness of her voice . " *Pure* enjoyed record success : it became the fastest @-@ selling international debut album in the history of the UK classical chart , with 19 @,@ 068 copies purchased in its first week alone , quickly reached No. 1 on the British charts , and entered the UK Pop Chart at # 8 . Over two million copies of *Pure* have been sold to date . In New Zealand , *Pure* has been certified 12x platinum , making her the best @-@ selling artist , regardless of genre , in the country 's history .

Pure 's success ensured that Decca would take Westenra seriously . Some of her fame today can be directly attributed to the way in which Decca promoted her . Although the traditional audience of classical crossover music is adult women , they also promoted her music to children and teenagers . Westenra recorded the end @-@ title song for Disney 's movie *Mulan II* . They also featured her in the national Radio Disney music education tour for middle @-@ school students .

On 24 August 2003 , Westenra performed on the stage with opera tenor José Carreras and Bryn Terfel in front of the capacity crowd of 10 @,@ 000 people from *Faenol Festival* in Wales .

Decca has also promoted Westenra on television . She took her first acting role on the US programme *American Dreams* (" *Charade* ") , where she played guitar and sang " *Who Painted the Moon Black ?* " . While she was being promoted in Los Angeles , Marc Johnston , senior VP / GM for the Universal Classics Group , said , " When she was out there , people were giving her scripts to read , and she had a few rather impromptu auditions . So some film and TV roles are currently in the works . " In 2005 , she was featured in the song " *Bridal Ballad* " recorded for the movie *The Merchant of Venice* . In 2006 , she was featured on the motion picture soundtrack for *The New World* with the song " *Listen to the Wind* " .

Westenra was the 2004 Vodafone New Zealand Music Awards winner of " *Highest Selling New Zealand Album* " and " *International Achievement Award* " . On 20 February 2004 , Prime Minister Helen Clark awarded her for being the first New Zealand artist to receive the tenfold platinum status in the New Zealand market , where she held the number one artist position for 18 weeks . She has won two Japanese Grammys for her work (*Song of the Year* , " *Amazing Grace* " and *Album of the Year* , *Pure*) . Her version of *Amazing Grace* was used as the theme song for the popular Japanese drama , *Shiroi Kyoto* (*The White Tower*) . Hayley met the cast of the series during a promotional tour of Japan in October 2003 .

Also in 2004 , she began her world tour of New Zealand , Australia , Japan , USA and Britain , performing in a concert in November for Her Majesty The Queen , the Prime Minister Tony Blair , The Prince of Wales , Colin Powell , Condoleezza Rice and the President at the time George W. Bush . In her autobiography , she remembered feeling more nervous in an audition where she sight read to Andrew Lloyd Webber an unreleased piece that he had written . On 28 July 2004 , Westenra and American tenor James Dooley staged Wisconsin concert with Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra and broadcast by Wisconsin Public Television . She concluded 2004 with a Christmas tour of the East Coast of the United States as guest soloist with the Boston Pops Orchestra .

In 2004 , Westenra was recorded a live DVD , *Hayley Westenra : Live from New Zealand* , featured duet with baritone Teddy Tahu Rhodes and soprano Sophie Westenra in St. James Theatre . David Horn , the producer of her live TV special , which aired on PBS ' *Great Performances* , said , " Her singing is so gorgeous , it 's reminiscent of the great boy @-@ soprano sound of Anglican church choirs . "

In 2005 , she released a new album , *Odyssey* . A mix of classical , pop , Celtic , and new @-@ age music , she co @-@ wrote and arranged some of the tracks on the album , which was released in the United States on 18 October 2005 . A more recent version of *Odyssey* containing several recordings not on the original album was released in the United Kingdom on 10 April 2006 , her 19th birthday . On 18 December 2005 , she made an appearance on Kurt Browning 's programme *Gotta*

Skate , in which she performed with Andrea Bocelli .

Westenra spent the first half of 2006 performing as a supporting act for the pop @-@ opera quartet Il Divo on a worldwide tour , though in March she performed solo concerts in the US as well . That tour officially ended in June , but was then extended by six performances . She then held several concerts in the UK and Germany through the end of the northern summer . On 5 September 2006 , Westenra was named as one of the ten outstanding young people in the world by the Junior Chamber International , becoming the first New Zealander so honoured .

On 13 November 2006 she participated in the dedication of the New Zealand War Memorial in London . Three of Westenra 's great @-@ uncles served in World War II ; one was killed .

After releasing Pure , Westenra and her family moved to London . She continues to reside in a central London flat , even though her family subsequently returned home to Christchurch . Although she spent most of 2006 touring , she did visit them when her schedule allowed .

In August 2006 , Westenra joined Celtic Woman and is featured on their second major DVD / CD album , Celtic Woman : A New Journey , which was released 30 January 2007 and immediately hit the Billboard Top 200 music chart at # 4 . She toured with the group in the United States in 2007 , with scheduled appearances in 88 venues across the country ; the tour ended in June . During this time , Hayley alternated with Méav Ní Mhaolchatha , who had recently returned from maternity leave , to maintain a five @-@ member line @-@ up . She also got along well with another member , Chloë Agnew , who was at the time only 17 years old .

In 2006 as a part of the Canterbury Festival (27 Oct) , Westenra performed a concert with tenor Alfie Boe in Canterbury Cathedral .

Westenra 's third international album , Treasure , was released on 26 February 2007 in the UK . All the songs on this CD were chosen by Westenra , who gave her record company " no say in the matter . I basically didn 't let them in on what I was recording until the last minute so they had no choice . I didn 't give them much room to disagree . " Tracks on this album include " E Pari Ra " , " One Fine Day " , " Let Me Lie " , " Danny Boy " , and " Abide with Me " . Westenra co @-@ wrote four of the fifteen tracks , and the album also features singer Humphrey Berney . The US / Australia / NZ edition followed in March under the name Celtic Treasure . Westenra dedicated the album to her grandmother , Shirley Ireland . Inside the sleeve of the British edition , she wrote " I come from a musical family , and one with a real sense of history . My forefathers were on the maiden voyage from Ireland to Christchurch , New Zealand in 1850 ? there 's even a commemoration plaque in Cathedral Square , Christchurch , which bears the name Westenra . My grandmother used to sit me on her knee and sing songs like Danny Boy from as early as I can remember . A singer herself in her earlier years , she has always been a never @-@ ending source of songs . It 's this legacy of music that she 's been passing down to me since my childhood , and it 's many of these beautiful old songs that I 've explored here on my album . "

On the day before St. Patrick 's Day 2007 , she performed as part of Celtic Woman for President George W. Bush at the White House . She had plans to present the president with a petition to place a mandatory carbon cap on the United States . The goal of the petition was compliance with the commitment made by President Bill Clinton in previous years to follow the Kyoto Protocol . However , she was not able to present the petition because the president was rushed away after the concert , due to security concerns .

On 6 May 2007 , Westenra was invited to the Crystal Cathedral as a guest performing " Abide with Me " on the Hour of Power , an American Christian television program . She had performed there twice before , the first time singing " Amazing Grace " and the second time " I Say Grace " .

Westenra starred as Maria in the 2007 recording of West Side Story , which was released on 30 July . On 28 July , she starred in Woburn LIVE 2007 , where she performed a selection of the music of West Side Story with the other recording artists , including Vittorio Grigolo , from the 2007 release .

In 2007 , Hayley 's vocals were featured in the soundtracks of the movie Flood and the television series , Jekyll , composed by Debbie Wiseman , in the UK .

In Nov 2007 , Hayley Westenra successfully staged Japan " treasure " concert tour in Fukuoka , Sapporo , Tokyo , Sendai , Nagoya , Osaka , Yokohama , Hiroshima .

In June 2008 , Hayley released an album for Japan , called Hayley Sings Japanese Songs . The songs include popular Japanese songs sung in English , and some in Japanese . Amazing Grace is performed as a duet with the late Minako Honda , in English and Japanese . A second Japanese album , Hayley Sings Japanese Songs 2 , was released in March 2009 , with a " mother " theme . All of the songs are about her gratefulness to her mother . She wrote , This album is dedicated to my loving mother ... thank you . On 7 August , Westenra performed solo and duet with Dame Malvina Major at St James 's Church , Piccadilly among ChristChurch Cathedral Choir 2008 UK Tour . On 17 August , Westenra participated in the tribute concert Lyrics by Don Black , which was held at the London Palladium and featured performances of Black 's songs by a selection of guest artists . She sang the duet Amigos Para Siempre , the score of which was written by Andrew Lloyd Webber , with Jonathan Ansell . The evening , hosted by Michael Parkinson was recorded by BBC Radio 2 Friday Night is Music Night and broadcast on 22 August 2008 .

The song " Prayer " , composed by Secret Garden and performed by Westenra , is featured in the Nintendo Wii videogame Endless Ocean as well as its advertising . Westenra also contributed several other songs , including her rendition of the M?ori folk song " Pokarekare Ana " .

On 1 October 2008 , Westenra recorded as solo vocals in the CD " Different Voices " composed and conducted by Debbie Wiseman and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra , with narration by Stephen Fry and lyrics written by Don Black . On 8 November , Westenra performed at the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall , singing Today Won 't Come Again , written by Geoff Stevens and Don Black , with English tenor Jonathan Ansell , and accompanied Ansell on Here 's to the Heroes , by Black and John Barry , when returning soldiers proceeded into the auditorium . On 30 November , Westenra was presented by Elaine Paige with the Variety Club Showbiz Awards 2008 Classical Performer of the Year for raising money to help sick , disabled and disadvantaged children and young people .

On 16 July 2009 , she performed at the Opening Ceremony of the World Games 2009 in Kaohsiung , Taiwan before 45 @,@ 000 stadium audiences and numerous worldwide TV audiences . She sang several songs including Amazing Grace , The Prayer in English & Italian with Russell Watson , Pokarekare Ana in M?ori with Russell Watson , We Are The Champions with other stars , Japanese translated song Nada Sousou (Tears For You) and ' The Moon Represents My Heart (???????) in Mandarin Chinese with SuJianXin . On 29 August , Westenra led the traditional singing of Abide with Me at the Rugby League Challenge Cup final at Wembley Stadium .

On 7 November 2009 , Hayley performed at the Festival of Remembrance , singing We 'll Meet Again , made famous by Dame Vera Lynn during WWII , at the Royal Albert Hall . During the performance , an old recording of Lynn performing the song was played behind on the big screen . Lynn was present , as well as Her Majesty the Queen .

On 5 February 2010 , Westenra performed " Silent Night " on the soundtrack of Nativity ! Later that year , on 30 October , Westenra staged a recital at the Shanghai Grand Theatre with international backing musicians in an east Asian concert tour . On 13 November , Westenra performed at the Festival of Remembrance , singing " For the Fallen " , a poem by Laurence Binyon set to music by Karl Jenkins . It is featured on the special 10th anniversary edition of Karl Jenkins ' The Armed Man : A Mass for Peace .

Westenra 's face adorns publicity for the southwest London rugby union club Quintin RFC .

In the spring and summer of 2010 , Hayley began working with film composer Ennio Morricone for a collaboration on her album Paradiso . The album featured new songs written by Morricone , as well as some of his best known film compositions of the last 50 years . Hayley recorded the album with Morricone 's orchestra in Rome during the summer 2010 .

In April 2011 , Westenra was invited as a guest performer to Mario Frangoulis TV concert in Greek . On May , Westenra was a guest performer on Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli 's The Magic of Love Asian concert tour , Westenra and Bocelli collaborated on one of Westenra 's albums Odyssey and live performances before . On Memorial Day , 29 May , Hayley was invited to perform for the annual PBS special , the National Memorial Day Concert live in Washington , DC . She performed the song Pie Jesu following the emotional story of a woman who had never met her father , who died in the Vietnam War , but got to know him many years later through a soldier who had fought alongside him

. On 9 July , Westenra was invited as a guest performer to Joseph Calleja 's annual concert in Malta . On 22 July , Westenra was among artists performing with the BBC Concert Orchestra in an American West @-@ themed show from a BBC radio concert programme Friday Night is Music Night . On 24 July , Westenra staged the 61st King 's Lynn Festival concert with Daniel Boys and performed classical repertoire including new songs from Paradiso . On 27 July , Kiwi songbird Hayley Westenra has been announced as the voice of UK broadcaster ITV 's coverage of this year 's Rugby World Cup , with her special version of World in Union . On October , Songs of Praise broadcast " Whispers in a Dream " and " Amazing Grace " performed by Westenra in Salisbury Cathedral . On 23 , Westenra performed the New Zealand national anthem " God Defend New Zealand " at Eden Park in Auckland before the final of the 2011 Rugby World Cup , and also performed the traditional New Zealand song " Now Is the Hour " to bring the event to a close . On 31 , Westenra was featured on André Rieu classical music album And the Waltz Goes On with the only vocal track " Dreaming of New Zealand " .

On 12 March 2012 , Westenra attended a reception for celebrating the achievements of inspirational women today the event held by the Duchess of Cornwall to mark Commonwealth Day . On 16 March , Westenra was invited to perform and make the presentation to the winner of a Korean live TV show _ Operastar . On 22 April 2012 , Westenra staged debut concert at the Koncerthuset in Copenhagen . On 28 April , Westenra Performed with Chinese tenor DinYi and NieJianHua on the 2nd Beijing International Film Festival symphony concert at Olympic Green accompanying by Royal Philharmonic Orchestra . In May 2012 , Westenra was featured with Laura Wright and Alfie Boe on a souvenir album " Gary Barlow & The Commonwealth Band " for celebrating Diamond Jubilee of Elizabeth II . On 14 June , Westenra staged a concert with RTÉ Concert Orchestra and David Brophy at National Concert Hall in Dublin . On 21 June , Westenra performed at Greek tenor Mario Frangoulis ' Boston Symphony Hall concert accompanying by Boston Pops Orchestra . On November , Westenra was a guest performer on the David Foster & Friends ' Far East tour . She was also a special guest in Korea 's Opera Star final singing two songs " Lascia Ch 'io Pianga " in her solo and " You Raise Me Up " with Park Gi Yeong and Son Ho Yeong .

On April 2013 , Westenra staged a Far East tour in Taipei , Tainan , Kaohsiung and performed with Chinese tenor DinYi in Beijing .

On 30 November and 1 December 2013 , Westenra staged concert with City Chamber Orchestra of Hong Kong , Hong Kong Welsh Male Voice Choir and the Hong Kong Treble Choir in Hong Kong .

On 29 April 2014 , Westenra was one of the performers at Classic FM Live in Royal Albert Hall London .

= = Philanthropy and charity = =

Westenra is active in contributing to charities around the world .

On 26 November 2003 , Westenra performed " Pokarekare Ana " and " Amazing Grace " on the 75th Anniversary of the Royal Variety Performance show in the presence of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip on behalf of the Entertainment Artistes ' Benevolent Fund .

Westenra is the second youngest UNICEF Ambassador to date , behind Selena Gomez . In 2005 , Westenra visited Ghana to publicise her project , " Bikes for Ghana " , and actively helped with fundraising to purchase bicycles for young girls , allowing them to get to their schools from outlying surrounding areas . When she was later interviewed about this charity work , she had this to say , " I met girls who had been given bikes and I could see how much it meant to them . We wanted to borrow one just for a photo and they wouldn 't let them go ; they were really reluctant " .

In 2006 , A new Hybrid Tea Rose was named in honour of Hayley Westenra to raise charity funds for UNICEF . The Hayley Westenra Rose won the 2010 Rose of the Year Award and also the best Hybrid Tea Rose Award . In June , She appeared at a fundraiser for UK charity Act Against Bullying .

On 8 June 2007 , Westenra performed in a fundraising concert for Bikes for Ghana at the Victoria Hall in Stoke @-@ on @-@ Trent . On 24 February , Westenra took part in the HemiHelp " Children

helping Children " concert at the Cadogan Hall , Sloan Square London in front of 900 people , including HRH Princess Alexandra the charity 's patron .

In 2008 , Westenra was selected by the New Zealand Society to receive the Global Kiwis Young Achiever Award for remarkable achievement in her field of endeavour on a global scale . She has also received numerous awards for her contributions to music , both in New Zealand and elsewhere .

On 25 June 2008 , Westenra is the ambassador for Classic FM 's charity Music Makers . Hayley says of the partnership " I am thrilled to be the first official charity Ambassador for Classic FM Music Makers . I have seen first hand the power which music can have in changing people 's lives , and I can 't wait to help all I can . " Over the next few months Hayley will be visiting some of the music therapy and education projects across the UK , which Music Makers funds ... In September , she visited Ghana again on behalf of UNICEF . She was working on raising funds for one of her favourite projects in Ghana , to install playgrounds for children , with rides that harness " kid power " to drive pumps used for providing clean drinking water from wells in that country . Hundreds of thousands of children have been poisoned by contaminated drinking water in Ghana , and this project is a focus of Hayley 's .

On 4 September 2008 , Hayley Westenra became a patron of Royal New Zealand Air Force . In Oct , Forces songbird Hayley Westenra help launch the Poppy Appeal with British Armed Forces in Iraq . In Oct , Forces songbird Hayley Westenra and tenor Jonathan Ansell took to the streets to sell poppies at Waterloo Station to support the Royal British Legion . On 12 Nov , Westenra performed " River of Dreams " , duet " Today Won 't Come Again " with tenor Jonathan Ansell in the Royal Albert Hall for the Annual Festival of Remembrance and was broadcast by the BBC . In November , she was named " classical performer of the year " at the Variety Club 's annual awards in London .

She has also been the ambassador for Save the Children in Hong Kong . More recently , she took part in a breast cancer awareness campaign in New Zealand . One of the other charities that she helps is the Women 's Environmental Network . Another major charity she supports is the Nordoff @-@ Robbins Center for Music Therapy , which provides help for children who are disabled .

On 7 September 2009 , She joined the Dame Vera Lynn Trust as a Vice @-@ President for this Children with Cerebral Palsy charity . On 22 Oct , Forces sweethearts from the original Second World War Forces sweetheart @-@ Dame Vera Lynn joined by one of today 's Forces sweetheart Kiwi songbird Hayley Westenra in launching the Poppy Appeal with a fundraising goal of £ 31 million . In Dec , New forces sweetheart Hayley Westenra performed with Faryl Smith and Camilla Kerslake in a special service for British troops serving in Afghanistan from St Clements Church , London .

On 7 March 2010 , Classical singing star Hayley Westenra lent her support with some other most successful female role models in FMWF 's " The Breaking the Mould " conference to inspire a generation of young women to aim high in their careers . On 20 Jun , Hayley Westenra took her role as Forces Sweetheart to the Cotswold Air Show , visiting Kemble to support the work of the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund . On 6 Oct , Forces songbird Hayley Westenra whose uncle served in the Royal New Zealand Air Force united with British legends for charity CD " We Will Remember Them " .

On 3 March 2011 , Westenra led one of the national anthems " God Defend New Zealand " in a London Westminster Cathedral vigil service together with about 5 @, @ 000 Kiwis fundraising charity for her hometown Christchurch , after being devastated by a 6 @. @ 3 @-@ magnitude earthquake on 22 February 2011 . On 18 March , Westenra performed " Amazing Grace " in the national Christchurch memorial service at Hagley Park of Christchurch in the presence of Prince William , Prime Minister John Key , Bob Parker , Dame Malvina Major , Christchurch Cathedral Choir , dignitaries , international rescue teams and tens of thousands of New Zealanders . On 27 March , Westenra was invited to read out a testimony in the Christchurch memorial service at Westminster Abbey in the presence of The Prince of Wales , The High Commissioner from New Zealand to the United Kingdom and thousands of churchgoers . On 30 March , Westenra attended The News Of The World Children 's Champion Awards in London for supporting those people (voted by the public) who have done a brilliant , unsung job for children . On 2 April , Westenra as a Vice @-@ President of the Dame Vera Lynn Trust performed for this Children with Cerebral Palsy charity at the

Lancaster London Hotel .

On 29 May , Westenra performed Pie Jesu at PBS 's 2011 National Memorial Day concert . On 10 June , Westenra was invited by Prime Minister David Cameron attending Downing Street Poppy Party along with injured Service personnel , bereaved Armed Forces families and veterans of Afghanistan and previous conflicts to celebrate the Legion 's 90th anniversary and help raise funds for The Royal British Legion Battle Back Centre . On 20 September , Westenra sang Laurence Binyon 's For The Fallen on a service of the 90th anniversary of the Royal British Legion held at Westminster Abbey in the presence of The Princess Royal , Church of England members and family of Royal Marines . On 5 December , Westenra performed solo " Whispers in a Dream " and duet with Rolando on the Royal Variety Performance show in the presence of the Princess Royal .

To promote Paradiso with peace and love message , Westenra would be embarking the Paradiso Homecoming Tour from 17 September 2011 to 8 March 2012 , and would raise charity attention to her UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador appeal and the Christchurch Earthquake Relief fund for supporting Christchurch to revive .

On 24 August 2012 , Westenra staged a concert in the Gŷyl Gobaith Music Festival in Wales to support for charities Cancer Research UK , Wales Air Ambulance , CLIC Sargent and HeadtoHeart . In Christmastime 2012 , Westenra was featured on the debut album " Starship Christmas Album " along with Justin Bieber , Queen , Lady Gaga , Elton John , Ronan Keating , Michael Jackson , Maroon 5 , Adele , The Jackson Five , Tiki Taane , OneRepublic and Lucy Lawless for supporting Starship Children 's Health . On 30 November , Westenra lent her support to Kate Winslet 's Golden Hat Foundation together with Tim Janis , Sarah McLachlan , Loreena McKennitt , Andrea Corr , Sleepy Man Banjo Boys , Dawn Kenney , Jana Mashonee , Amy Petty and a choir performing on " The American Christmas Carol " concert in Carnegie Hall .

On 20 November 2013 , Westenra recorded a Children in Need Christmas single 2013 album " Christmas Dream " with Sir Terry Wogan and Aled Jones featured Bond and the Portsmouth Citadel Salvation Army Band .

= = Personal life = =

Westenra has been known as a vegetarian / pescetarian . In 2007 , she was nominated for PETA 's ' Sexiest Vegetarian ' . However , when touring she sometimes has worried about getting the appropriate amounts of nutrients . She was sometimes unable to obtain the more nutritious vegetables and other foods she preferred , and now on occasions she eats meat . In 2007 , Westenra told The New Zealand Herald , " I 'm completely bursting the bubble now , aren 't I ? That 's that ruined . "

Westenra married her French boyfriend of three years , Arnaud Sabard (born 1981) , on 29 December 2013 in Hawarden , North Canterbury , New Zealand .

= = Discography = =

= = Notable tours and concerts = =