Tessa Uys was born in Cape Town and gave her first public performance at the age of seven. She first studied with her mother and, at 16 won an Associated Board Scholarship to study at the Royal Academy in London, where she won several prestigious prizes including the Macfarren Medal. Shortly after this she was the 1st prize winner of the Royal Over-Seas League Competition. She has also enjoyed the unusual distinction of working with the film director John Schlesinger,on his film Madame Sousatzka starring Shirley MacLaine. In 1994 she was elected an Associate of the Royal Academy of Music. Tessa Uys has performed in many different countries and has broadcast frequently for the BBC. In recent years she has performed at the Wigmore Hall, St. John’s Smith Square and given a series of recitals at St.Lawrence Jewry, in the City of London.