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Personal Profile

Claire Angèle Baluci, born in Australia on the 8th March 1977, is a research scientist, having graduated as a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Chemistry and a Master of Science in Biology from the University of Malta. She continued her studies at doctoral level in both Malta and France, subsequently obtaining a Doctorate in Biological Sciences and a Doctorate in Biology, having specialised in the fields of biomedicine and cell technology.



Her research work has focused on the properties and applications of various marine and terrestrial plants, purification of their active ingredients and studying their medicinal effects.

Claire is currently Manager of Heritage Malta's Diagnostic Science Laboratories, where she is responsible for the running of the laboratories which provide various analytical services, the development of scientific research in conservation science, as well as for the training of personnel within this field. She also lectures on a part-time basis at the University of Malta. Her research interests include heat shock proteins, the ageing process and ageing diseases, and biological research in the conservation of cultural heritage.



Claire collaborating with other colleagues in the examination of an Egyptian Mummy located at the National Museum of Natural History

Other interests

Apart from being a scientist, Claire is also a professional musician. She is a fully-qualified organist, having won various international awards and being internationally acclaimed for her live performances. Claire is the winner of both the 1998 and the 1999 European Organ Championships held in Germany. On both occasions she was additionally awarded the 'Mark Shakespeare Memorial Cup' for brilliance and outstanding performance. Claire's music repertoire is unconstrained by any existing genres or traditions. She mixes the classical and pop styles in a contemporary manner that appeals to her wide audience of all ages and cultures. Claire has received numerous favourable reviews by top European critics and music magazine editors. She is also a member of the strong Böhm Music International (Germany) Team of top organists. She has been invited and performed in various concerts and music festivals in Malta, Australia, Germany, England, Italy, the USA and other countries; both as a soloist and together with other well-known musicians and singers.

Claire is also very interested in sports. She actually plays football/soccer with a local football team.



Claire performing live during one of her concerts

Relevant Links or Info

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For further information about Claire, please visit: www.clairebaluci.com.