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Hazel tells the opera fans 'I am a man now'

BRITAIN'S leading woman conductor, Hazel Vivienne, has had a sex-change operation.

Miss Vivienne, 48, has told the English National Opera, where she is head of music staff and chorus administrator, that from now on she wants to be known as Victor Morris.

Mr Morris will make his conducting debut at the



Hazel, now Victor

London Coliseum next month.

It is believed that the company knew nothing of Miss Vivienne's plans until after a 'sexual reassignment' operation had been successfully carried out.

An ENO spokesman said yesterday: 'Mr Morris has informed us of his new identity which is being treated as a statement of fact. He will continue his duties as before.'

Miss Vivienne, the daughter of a Cheshire factory fitter, was a staunch advocate of sex equality in male-dominated classical music.