

## Michael Esch

### Piano

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#### **Degrees and Studies:**

Michael Esch holds a Doctorate of Musical Arts degree from Rice University in Houston, Texas, where his teachers included Robert Roux and Jon Kimura Parker. He also holds a Master of Music from Rice University, a Bachelor of Music with high distinction from McGill University and an ARCT diploma in Piano Performance from The Royal Conservatory of Music.

#### **Biographical Information:**

Dr. Esch has been featured in numerous recitals throughout Canada; most notably at the Glenn Gould Studio and for the Canadian University Music Society. His performances have been broadcast on CBC Radio as well as various television programs throughout the country.

Internationally, he has appeared in concert throughout Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, the United States and Germany. He made his debut in Asia in 2005 at the Singapore Arts Festival.

Dr. Esch has appeared as a guest soloist with numerous orchestras including career highlights with the Canadian Sinfonietta at Glenn Gould Studio, and the Toronto Philharmonia at George Weston Hall. As a chamber musician, he has collaborated with a number of acclaimed artists including the Belgian violinist Michael Guttman and the eminent violist, Rivka Golani. He is presently pianist-in-residence with the Canadian Sinfonietta Chamber Players.

Dr. Esch has enjoyed grant support from the Chalmers foundation, and is a multiple grant recipient from the Canada Council for the Arts. He has enjoyed success in numerous competitions in Canada, as well as at international levels. A sought-after adjudicator in Canada, he has adjudicated festivals at the provincial level for the Ontario Music Festival Association, the Ontario Registered Music Teachers' Association, as well as the Canadian Music Competition 50th anniversary National Tour, among others.

Dr. Esch serves on faculty at The Royal Conservatory of Music where he teaches piano literature and studio piano through the Young Artists Performance Academy. In September of 2009, he joined the piano department at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario.

