

Joan Heels

Voice



Joan Heels holds an ARCT Special Diploma from The Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, Fellow and Licentiate Diplomas from the Trinity College of Music, London, England, a Bachelor of Music from McGill University, and a Master of Arts and a Doctorate in music education (vocal pedagogy) from Columbia Pacific University in California. Her teachers include Pauline Donalda, Bernard Diamant, Weldon Kilburn, Helen Hodam, Burton Garlinghouse, and Pierre Bernac. She has also sung in choirs directed by leading international conductors.

Dr. Heels has over thirty years experience teaching vocal, choral, and band music in the educational system in Montreal and Hamilton. For 10 years she was the Musical Director of the Harlequin Singers of Hamilton, a mixed-voice community choir. She was also the Co-Founder and Co-Director of the Montreal girls Choir. Presently, she maintains a private vocal and piano studio in Hamilton, Ontario and is a member of a number of professional musical organizations including the National Association of Teachers of Singing, the Ontario Registered Music Teachers' Association, the National Band Association and the American Choral Directors Association.