

Kent McWilliams

Piano



Pianist Kent McWilliams has enjoyed a successful performing career since his debut in Rachmaninov's Third Piano Concerto with conductor Kazuhiro Koizumi and the University of Toronto Symphony Orchestra. He has played in over a dozen countries, and has also played frequently for radio, having performed live recitals and concertos on the CBC in Canada and the ABC in Australia.

Dr. McWilliams holds a Doctorate of Music in Performance degree, which he completed under Marc Durand at the University of Montreal. He studied in Poland with Andrzej Jasinski while researching the Polish folk elements in Chopin's Mazurkas and Polonaises. Dr. McWilliams also earned an Artist Diploma under Oleg Maisenberg at the Stuttgart Musikhochschule in Germany and he completed Bachelor's and Master's degrees in piano performance under Boris Lysenko at the University of Toronto.

Dr. McWilliams is an Associate Professor of Piano Performance at St. Olaf College and taught previously at the Glenn Gould School. He is a very experienced adjudicator and clinician. He has adjudicated the national finals of the US Music Teachers' National Association competition as well as music festivals across Canada. He currently resides in Northfield, Minnesota with his wife, Renata and their two children, Patrick and Anna.