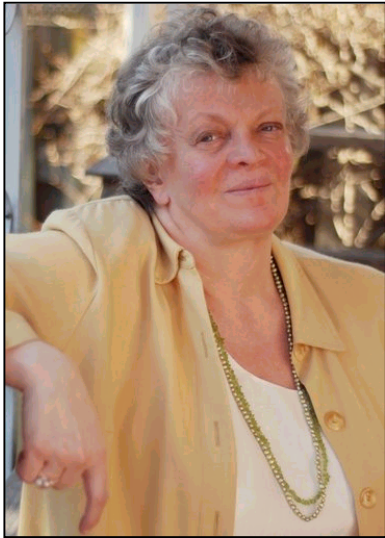


Karen Quinton Piano



Degrees and Studies:

Karen Quinton holds a Bachelor of Music in Performance and a post-graduate Concert Diploma from McGill University in Montreal, Quebec. While completing her undergraduate studies at McGill, Ms. Quinton also attended the Conservatoire de Musique de Quebec. She also holds an Associate in Piano Performance from the Trinity College of London. Post-Graduate, she studied at the Tchaikovsky Conservatory of Music (Moscow). She also participated in summer courses at the Mozarteum, in Salzburg, Austria (Erik Werba, Friedrich Wuhler) and in Mount Orford, Quebec (Gerard Souzay, Dalton Baldwin). Her primary teachers included Lubka Kolessa (McGill), Tatiana Nikolaiva (Tchaikovsky Conservatory) and Katharina Wolpe.

Biographical Information:

During her two years at the Moscow Conservatory, Ms. Quinton was one of two Canadian participants in the Tchaikovsky International Competition, and arrived home to great interest in her artistic abilities. After several successful Canadian and European tours, she studied and worked in London, England for four years.

Ms. Quinton has played in ten countries both as soloist and chamber musician. She has frequently performed concertos with Canadian symphony orchestras and has been broadcast widely by the CBC on both television and radio. She has toured the major capitals of Europe as well as most provinces of Canada, and was a participant in a set of CBC recordings dedicated to the piano works of Harry Somers, which was re-released in the summer of 2009.

Ms. Quinton was head of the Keyboard Department at The Royal Conservatory of Music Community School from 2001 to 2007, and is a founding member of the Toronto Arts Ensemble. Her pupils regularly win awards in competitions and festivals, and many have become music professionals in Canada and abroad. She is also in demand as an adjudicator and masterclass clinician. In October 2008, Karen Quinton presented lectures and masterclasses in Beijing, Shanghai, and Xian and was invited to return for solo concert performances.

