

## Mark Thompson

### Woodwind, Brass and Percussion

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

Mark Thompson holds both a Bachelor of Music and a Master of Music from the University of Toronto. He has also studied at Indiana University and completed a Professional Studies Certificate from The Mannes College of Music in New York.

#### **Biographical Information:**

In 1994, Mr. Thompson became the first Canadian clarinetist to win first prize in the Artists' International Competition, subsequently giving his New York debut at Weill recital hall. Since then, he has enjoyed a diverse musical career spanning recording for the CBC and BBC to being heard on various jingles and the Disney Channel. Since 1996, he has been Artistic Director of Clearly Classic Concerts in Dundas, Ontario in the capacity as performer and developer of numerous projects, including the ensemble 'Twist!'. He has performed with many of Canada's orchestras, including the Toronto Symphony and has performed and toured with internationally known ensembles Quartetto Gelato, and The Penderecki String Quartet. His CD release 'Blue Skies' with pianist Susan Lee has been heard extensively on CBC and National Public Radio. Mr. Thompson is in demand throughout North America as a clinician and adjudicator.

