

Michael McMahon, C.M. – Pianist & Vocal Coach

Michael McMahon, C.M., is widely recognized as the preferred collaborative pianist for many of Canada's finest singers, earning the reputation of being a "luxury partner." He has performed extensively throughout Canada, Europe, Japan, and the United States with artists such as Catherine Robbin, Karina Gauvin, Measha Brueggengosman, Lyne Fortin, Dominique Labelle, Wendy Nielsen, Maureen Forrester, Marie-Nicole Lemieux, Annamaria Popescu, Adrienne Pieczonka, Monica Whicher, Joseph Kaiser, Nathan Berg, Gordon Bintner, Brett Polegato, Benjamin Butterfield, Philippe Sly, Kimy McLaren, Kevin McMillan, Gerald Finley, Michael Schade, Russell Braun, Richard Margison, and Nathaniel Watson.

Following his studies at McGill University with Charles Reiner, McMahon continued his musical education in Vienna at the Hochschule für Musik und darstellende Kunst and the Franz Schubert Institute, and in Salzburg at the Mozarteum's International Summer Academy. He studied with legendary artists including Erik Werba, Hans Hotter, Elly Ameling, Jörg Demus, and Kim Borg, supported by the Canada Council for the Arts.

McMahon maintains an active performing career and has appeared with organizations such as Les Violons du Roy, L'Opéra de Montréal, Les Grands Ballets Canadiens, the Ladies Morning Musical Club, Société Pro Musica, the Women's Musical Club of Toronto, the Wexford Festival, Société d'Art Vocal de Montréal, Roy Thomson Hall and Debut Atlantic.

A dedicated educator, Michael McMahon is Associate Professor at the Schulich School of Music of McGill University, where he teaches in both the Voice and Piano areas and serves as a vocal repertoire coach. He has had long-standing affiliations with l'Atelier lyrique de L'Opéra de Montréal, Opera Nuova, C.O.S.I., the Orford Arts Centre, and the Banff Centre for the Arts. Many of the singers and pianists he has coached now perform in prominent venues around the world.

McMahon is frequently invited to give masterclasses and adjudicate competitions across Canada and internationally. He is a resident artist at the Franz Schubert Institute in Austria and has made numerous broadcast recordings for CBC (English and French networks), BBC, RBTF, Radio Suisse Romande, and Radio France. His recordings on the Marquis, CBC Records, Atma, Analekta, and Leaf Music labels have received critical acclaim, including multiple Juno nominations and the Prix Opus. He also served as a judge and vocal coach for the award-winning television series *Bathroom Divas*, further showcasing his commitment to public engagement and musical mentorship.

In 2012, he was honoured with a Ruby Award by Opera Canada, In 2025, he was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada.