

## **Kathy Dornian**

Kathy Dornian holds a Bachelors Degree in Piano Performance, a Masters Degree in Piano Performance and Literature, an ARCT, a Bachelors of Education Degree and a Fine Arts Diploma specializing in the Kodály philosophy of music education. She has also pursued post-graduate performance studies at the prestigious Franz Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest, Hungary. Her teachers have included Marilyn Engle, Peter Smith and Edith Hambalko.

Kathy Dornian pursues an extensive and diversified career as a teacher and musician. She has been on the faculty at the Conservatory of Mount Royal College in Calgary since 1984 where she has built a solid reputation as a sensitive and accomplished accompanist, chamber musician and teacher. For many years she served as piano coordinator of the Academy of Music, an enriched program for gifted youth. She is a faculty member of the Summer Kodály Diploma Program at the University of Calgary and an artistic collaborator with the now renowned Morningside Music Bridge Program in Calgary. Although her principal passions and professional pursuits involve piano pedagogy with students of all ages and levels, Kathy maintains a continued involvement with teaching many other branches of music including Kodály, theory, history, chamber music and solfege.

As a performer, Kathy Dornian has a special affinity for chamber music and accompaniment. For many years, she has been a senior accompanist in the Academy of Music at Mount Royal College. She has been heard in concert with many prominent and distinguished Canadian musicians as well as with such internationally renowned instrumentalists as David Schifrin and James Campbell. Over the years, Kathy has been featured in concert with a variety of artists on numerous CBC broadcasts. In addition to a busy teaching a performing schedule, Kathy also maintains an active career as an adjudicator and has traveled throughout Canada as a senior piano examiner for RCM examinations.