

Michael Esch

Canadian pianist Michael Esch holds a Doctorate of Musical Arts degree from Rice University where his teachers included Robert Roux and Jon Kimura Parker. Michael has been featured in numerous recitals throughout Canada; most notably at the Glenn Gould Studio and for the Canadian University Music Society. His performances have been broadcast on CBC Radio as well as various television programs throughout the country. Internationally, Michael has appeared in concert throughout Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, the United States and Germany. He made his debut in Asia in 2005 at the Singapore Arts Festival.

Michael has appeared as a guest soloist with numerous orchestras: highlights of these include the Canadian Sinfonietta at Glenn Gould Studio, and the Toronto Philharmonia on its recent cycle of the Beethoven piano concerti at George Weston Hall. As a chamber musician, Michael has collaborated with a number of acclaimed artists including the Belgian violinist Michael Guttman and the eminent violist, Rivka Golani. He is presently pianist in residence with the Canadian Sinfonietta Chamber Players.

Michael has enjoyed grant support from the Chalmers foundation, and is a multiple grant recipient from the Canada Council for the Arts. He has enjoyed success in numerous competitions in Canada, as well as at international levels. A sought after adjudicator in Canada, Michael has adjudicated festivals at the Provincial level in Ontario for the Ontario Music Festivals Association and the Ontario Registered Music Teachers Association, as well as the Canadian Music Competition 50'th anniversary National Tour among others.

As of 2007, Michael has served on faculty at the Glenn Gould School where he teaches piano literature and studio piano through the Young Artists Performance Academy.