

Michael Oike – Piano



Pianist MICHAEL OIKE enjoys a diverse musical life in his hometown of Winnipeg, Manitoba. For over thirty-five years he has maintained a busy piano teaching studio, held piano workshops and master classes, adjudicated music festivals at the local, provincial and national levels, and heard in performances of chamber music, instrumental and vocal recitals.

Michael's pedagogues have included Alice Nakauchi and Sydney McInnis in Winnipeg, Boris Lysenko at the Royal Conservatory of Music and University of Toronto where he was awarded the Forsythe Scholarship as the outstanding graduating pianist. He has also studied solo piano and chamber music with the renowned Jeaneane Dowis of New York City at her private studio and twice as a Fellowship student at the Waterloo Festival at Princeton University.

Michael has been very fortunate to cover the much beloved vocal-piano repertoire with two of the leading pianists of that genre - Martin Isepp at the Banff Centre and Rudolf Jansen at the Mountainview Festival in Alberta.

Away from the piano, Michael enjoys golfing and curling, cheering for the Jets, Blue Jays and Raiders, and tinkering in the kitchen in search of the perfect sushi, butter tart and blueberry pie.