Roberto and Mary Wood Jurist

Jane Coop

Pianist Jane Coop, one of Canada's most prominent and distinguished artists, was born in Saint John, New Brunswick and grew up in Calgary, Alberta. For advanced studies her principal teachers were Anton Kuerti in Toronto and Leon Fleisher in Baltimore.

At the age of nineteen she won First Prize in the CBC's national radio competition (the Young Performers Competition), and this, along with First Prize at the Washington International Competition, launched her career.

Subsequently she has played in over twenty countries, in such eminent halls as the Bolshoi Hall in St. Petersburg, the Kennedy Center, Alice Tully Hall, Roy Thomson Hall, the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, the Beijing Concert Hall and the Salle Gaveau (Paris).

Coop is a cherished faculty artist at the *Kneisel Hall Chamber Music Festival*, the oldest chamber festival in North America (*www.kneisel.org*). There she collaborates in performances of much of the chamber music literature for piano and strings, and coaches brilliant young musicians from across the continent.

Her commitment to teaching is centred around her long time position at the University of British Columbia's School of Music in Vancouver, where she was a senior professor and Head of the Piano Division for over 30 years.

Coop's reputation has inspired international competition organizers to invite her to judge their events over the past fifteen years. She has served on the juries of the Kapell (Maryland), Dublin, Washington DC, Hilton Head, Honens, Gina Bachauer and the New York International Piano Competitions.

Her sixteen CD recordings on the Skylark and CBC labels (distributed by Naxos of America) have garnered glowing reviews and have been heard on classical radio programs in many countries.

In December 2012, Jane Coop was appointed to the *Order of Canada*, Canada's country's highest honour for lifetime achievement.

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