

# Senior/Open Piano Adjudicator

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**Michelle Mares**

A native of Vancouver, Canada, Michelle Mares began her musical studies at the age of 4 at Vancouver Academy of Music. She amassed a great deal of performing experience as a child prodigy and drew the attention of many notable musicians, including András Schiff, Ivan Moravec and Gaby Casadesus.

She has had the privilege of studying with some of the world's most eminent piano teachers including Canada's own, Jane Coop, Karl Heinz Kammerling, Leon Fleisher and Alfred Brendel.

Ms Mares has won many competitions including the CBC Young Performer's Competition the Hamburg Steinway Competition, the Montreal Symphony Competition, the S.A.C.E.M. Prize at the Casadesus International Competition, and the Geneva International Competition.

After 20 years abroad in Europe where she concertized extensively, Ms Mares returned to Canada and taught at the University of Victoria for 10 years. She is currently settled in Vancouver, BC and is a popular guest adjudicator at regional competitions and festivals and is regularly invited to perform and give masterclasses. She is also a regular master teacher at the Victoria Summer Piano Academy.

**Highlights Concert April 22, 2018**  
**Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, 2:30pm**  
**B125, MacLaurin Building, University of Victoria, Ring Rd**