

Intermediate and Senior Strings Adjudicator



Marena Smith

Marena Smith, a native of Calgary, Alberta, began studying music at the age of five on the violin. Her teachers have included Lisa Elson in Calgary, Lorand Fenyves at the Banff Centre, and Francis Chaplin of Brandon. Ms. Smith holds a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Calgary and an ARCT Performance Degree from the Royal Conservatory of Music (First Class Honors). She was a member of the National Youth Orchestra of Canada and for several seasons, toured with them throughout Canada and the United States. Ms. Smith began her professional orchestral career at the age of seventeen with the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra and later in her violin career played with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra at Carnegie Hall. She was a music specialist with the Winnipeg School Division and she has been a faculty member of the Preparatory Studies at the University of Manitoba as well as teaching at Canadian Mennonite University and in her home. During her years of teaching, Marena has had the pleasure of creating and teaching a program designed specifically for gifted youth. For six seasons Ms. Smith was conductor of the Winnipeg Youth Concert Orchestra. She has been a member of the College of Examiners for the Royal Conservatory of Music since 1984 and travels extensively on their behalf. Her involvement with the revisions of several series of Repertoire and Technique books, Violin Syllabus and the first ever Royal Conservatory of Music Orchestral Excerpts Volume for violin students was extensive, and subsequently has represented Frederick Harris Music Company as a clinician to introduce these new publications. In 2006, she began working with Bridges International and Prairie Public Television as a composer, arranger, music producer and script editor for numerous television productions that are currently being aired on the network. Ms. Smith is an adjudicator who has participated in local festivals, Provincial Concerto Competitions and Provincial Festival Finals from Vancouver to St. Johns, Newfoundland.

Highlights Concert May 8, 2019
Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, 7:00PM
MacLaurin Building, University of Victoria