

Intermediate/Senior A Classical Voice Adjudicator



Mel Braun

Baritone Mel Braun is well-known to Canadian audiences for his many performances and broadcasts of Early Music with Tafelmusik and Opera Atelier, and for his frequent appearances across Canada in the Masterworks of Bach and Handel. These appearances include performances with the Calgary Bach Festival, Edmonton's Pro Coro, Symphony Nova Scotia, Winnipeg's Canzona, Guelph Chamber Choir, and the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. New Music. Another of Mel's interests, has seen him premiere works with the Banff Centre, Winnipeg's Groundswell, Manitoba Opera, Winnipeg New Music Festival, Kitchener's Sound in the Land Festival, Toronto's New Music Gallery, and Saskatoon Symphony. As a teacher, Mel heads up the Vocal Program at the Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music, a program renowned for its collaborative and holistic approach to training singers. Among Mel's many initiatives at the Faculty are the Annual Opera Theatre School Tour, the Contemporary Opera Lab, the Professor Bach Project, and Tuesdays in Winnipeg, a venture that brings together high school age boys who love to sing. He has been awarded Merit and Outreach Awards for his efforts. As a music director, Mel looks after the operatic ensembles at the U of M, as well as working with Winnipeg's Camerata Nova, a choir devoted to exploring new approaches to choral music making. He is much in demand as an Adjudicator and choral clinician, and also enjoys teaching many of the young rock singers that make up Winnipeg's burgeoning Indie Music scene. Mel has a Masters Degree in Vocal Performance from the University of Toronto and a Degree in Church Music from Canadian Mennonite Bible College. Patricia Kern, Douglas Bodle, Greta Kraus, Mary Morrison, Martin Isepp, Keith Turnbull, John Boyden, John Martens, Dorothy Lawson, and George Wiebe are some of the many teachers to whom he is grateful to for their generous guidance.

Highlights Concert / Rose Bowl May 6, 2017
Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, 7:30pm
B125, MacLaurin Building, University of Victoria, Ring Rd