

# Intermediate Piano



**Mary Castello** has established herself as a sought-after collaborative pianist, recital partner, and piano teacher in the Wolfville, Nova Scotia area and beyond. She is the Collaborative Pianist for Acadia University's School of Music, where she has worked since September 2017. Mary is a member of the Nova Scotia Registered Music Teachers Association and maintains a full private teaching studio of 30 students, from ages 6 to 76.

Mary has been engaged in recent seasons by Saratoga Sings for Seniors, Scotia Chamber Players, Inner Space Concerts, Nova Scotia Choral Federation, and Acadia Summer Music Academy.

Mary collaborates regularly with many fine musicians including cellist Rachel Desoer, pianist Cindy Thong, saxophonist Tristan De Borba, mezzo-soprano Paula Rockwell, flutist Jack Chen, clarinetist Eileen Walsh, mezzo-soprano Marie Engle, and mezzo-soprano Christianne Rushton.

She is an alumna of several collaborative pianist training programs for Art Song and Opera internationally including Franz-Schubert-Institut (Baden Bei Wein, Austria), Vancouver Opera's Yulanda M. Faris Young Artists Program (Vancouver, BC), Opera Saratoga (Saratoga Springs, NY), Centre for Opera Studies in Italy (COSI), Sulmona, Italy, Opera on the Avalon (St John's, NL), and Opera NUOVA (Edmonton, AB). Originally from Kitchener, Ontario, Mary holds performance degrees from Wilfrid Laurier University and McGill University, and a Pedagogy Diploma from Conservatory Canada.