



PATRICIA PARR

Since her debut with the Toronto Symphony at the age of nine, Canadian pianist Patricia Parr has been a soloist with numerous major orchestras including those of Cleveland, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Rochester and Toronto under conductors such as Eugene Ormandy, William Steinberg and Walter Susskind. She was also well known as a recitalist appearing throughout Ontario and the west coast of Canada.

Internationally renowned for the sensitivity and integrity of her playing, her outstanding qualities as a chamber musician have resulted in invitations to numerous festivals and collaborations with many ensembles, among them the Guarneri, Orford, St. Lawrence and Vermeer String Quartets.

Parr toured Australia in 1975 and 1979 as a member of the Trio Concertante and formed the University of Toronto Faculty Trio with Lorand Fenyves, violin, and Vladimir Orloff, cello while teaching at the Faculty of Music. She is a founding member of the highly acclaimed AMICI Chamber Ensemble, which has presented a regular concert series in Toronto since 1988. She toured with them in Atlantic Canada, Eastern Europe, and Mexico. AMICI are heard frequently on the CBC and in numerous recordings.

Ms. Parr is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music, where she studied with Isabelle Vengerova and Rudolf Serkin. In 1974, she returned to Canada to teach piano and chamber music at the Faculty of Music, University of Toronto. Though retired from the Faculty of Music, she frequently serves on juries for competitions and enjoys some private teaching.

In 2009, Ms. Parr was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada.