



## James Wright, Piano Concertos

A Governor-General's Gold medal winner from McGill University in 2002, Dr. James Wright has taught at McGill University, Wilfrid Laurier University, the University of Ottawa, and Carleton University, where he is a Full Professor of Music in both the School for Studies in Art and Culture and the College of the Humanities.

A prolific composer, James Wright was named University of Toronto Louis Applebaum Distinguished Visiting Professor of Composition in 2019. His chamber art song cycle, *Letters to the Immortal Beloved*, has been performed to acclaim on five continents, and recorded on both the Naxos and Analekta labels by the Gryphon Trio, with soloists Julie Nesrallah and David John Pike. His recent String Quartet No. 1 – featured on a newly-released CD by the acclaimed Andara String Quartet of Montreal, on the Leaf Music label of Halifax – was described by CBC Music as “one of the year's best discoveries” of 2022.

As a pianist, James Wright has recorded and toured extensively with Romanian-Canadian violinist Ioan Harea, and he recently toured Scotland with Luxembourg baritone David Pike (March 2024). For many years he has worked as NAC ballet pianist for the National Ballet of Canada, the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, and for Russian, American, and European ballet companies when they visit Ottawa. Dr. Wright has frequently served as a piano and composition adjudicator for festivals and competitions across Canada.