

French and English Speech Arts Adjudicator



Mezzo-soprano **Joanne Mercier** was awarded the Royal Conservatory of Music's Gold Medal for her ARCT voice diploma. She holds an A.Mus. Performer/Teacher Diploma, as well as an L.Mus. Diploma, from the Western Board of Music, in addition to an LTCL Diploma from Trinity College in England. In 1989, Mrs. Mercier was the winner of both the Winnipeg Music Festival's Rose Bowl and the Provincial-National Vocal category at the Provincial Music and Speech Finals.

Joanne is the conductor of the Holy Cross Catholic Parish Choir, and the Pot-Pourri Singers, a community choir whose members include students, friends and family of the conductor. The Pot-Pourri Singers received a second-place award at the National Music Festival in 2003.

Joanne has appeared as a soloist and in ensembles throughout Ontario and Western Canada. She has performed with the Manitoba Opera Association, as well as the Opera in the Schools Program, the Gilbert and Sullivan Society, the Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir, and Rainbow Stage in Winnipeg. She studied voice with Olga Irwin, Frances Wickberg, and Herb Belyea, piano with Sr. Agathe Dorge, Jean Broadfoot, and Ken Adams and choral

conducting with Henry Engbrecht.

Joanne studied at the Banff School of Fine Arts (Opera Division), is an adjudicator and clinician at festivals and competitions in Ontario, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. Joanne is the AMAF coordinator. She is the Executive Director of the Winnipeg Music Festival. A vocal examiner for the Royal Conservatory of Music, Joanne is bi-lingual in French and English.