

Ruusamari Teppo

A direct descendent of Finnish composer Jean Sibelius, Dr. Ruusamari Teppo has performed as a soloist and a collaborative pianist in the United States, Finland, Germany, France, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Estonia, Belgium, and South Africa.

Teppo began her piano studies at the age of four in her native country of Finland. Following graduation from the prestigious Sibelius High School and three additional years of piano study in Paris, she was awarded scholarships by the Finnish government to continue her education at the Prague Conservatory and the Franz Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest. She moved to the United States to study with world-renowned pianist and pedagogue Vladimir Viardo with whom she completed her BM and MM. She completed her Doctoral degree in Collaborative piano performance studying with Drs. Elvia Puccinelli and Steven Harlos at the University of North Texas in spring 2021.

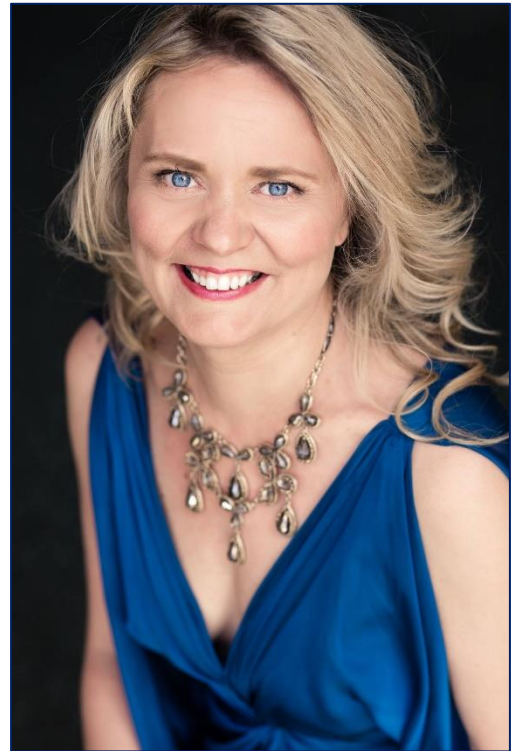


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Excelling on the international competition circuit, Ms. Teppo won the second prize in both the Bradshaw & Buono International Piano Competition and the Petrof Piano Competition in 2009. She has performed in the Kuhmo, Naantali, Turku, Karjaa, and Inkoo festivals in Finland, Portogruaro and Tarvisio in Italy, Stellenbosch in South Africa, and Moulin D'Ande in France.

In celebration of the 150th anniversary of Jean Sibelius in the United States, Ms. Teppo partnered with Finnish cellist Jussi Makkonen performing over fifty concerts throughout the United States and Finland, under the auspices of the Finlandia Foundation.



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