

Derek Oger  
Senior Piano

Pianist Derek Oger lives in Thunder Bay, ON where he teaches studio piano part time and frequently performs in chamber music settings. He works full time as the Executive Director of Conservatory Canada where he leads the charge to reinvent music examinations in Canada and China. A proponent of the Recreational Music Making movement, Derek helped to create the Conservatory's Cool Keys Camps which engage students in ensembles using relevant contemporary music. Recreational Music Making along with Self Organized Learning Environments are key principles reflected in his studio teaching.

Derek works regularly as a collaborative pianist in various Classical music settings, with a special interest in New Music. He can be heard on a CD recording by New Music North (of Thunder Bay), part of which was broadcast on CBC Radio Two's, The Signal. He will also be heard on a forthcoming CD of piano miniatures by Montreal composer, David Lahteenmaa. He holds an Honours Bachelor of Music Degree from Lakehead University, with his main musical influences including pianists Heather Morrison, Helmut Brauss and Peter Longworth. Derek's diverse interests include gardening and practising to become a Craniosacral therapist.