

Christianne Rushton

Senior Voice

Mezzo-soprano **CHRISTIANNE RUSHTON** has delighted audiences with her engaging presence and versatility on both the operatic and concert stages. Dr. Rushton is a first prize winner of the *Canadian National Music Festival*, a prize winner at the prestigious *Eckhardt-Gramatté Competition*, a two-time grant recipient from the *Canada Council for the Performing Arts*, and a winner of the Canada Council's *Bernard Diamant Prize in Voice*. In recital, she has been a guest artist for the Royal Society of Canada, toured with Debut Atlantic, performed at the Indian River Festival, sung with *Baltimore Musicales* and debuted at New York's Alice Tully Hall.

Christianne is Associate Professor at Acadia University where she is head of vocal studies and Director of the School of Music. Christianne is a graduate of the Juilliard Opera Center at The Juilliard School and completed her Doctor of Musical Arts degree from SUNY Stony Brook. She recently received an Emerging Leader Award, from the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) for her innovation and success teaching voice. Dr. Rushton is President of two arts organizations on the East Coast; President of the Canadian Atlantic Provinces chapter of NATS, and the President of the Nova Scotia Federation of Provincial Music Festivals.

As well as being active as an adjudicator, pedagogue, workshop clinician and performer across the country, she is a proud mom to two very busy boys, nine and five.