

JON KIMURA PARKER

Pianist

Internationally acclaimed concert pianist Jon Kimura Parker's extraordinary career has taken him from Carnegie Hall and the Sydney Opera House to the Canadian Arctic and war-torn Sarajevo. He is an Officer of The Order of Canada, his country's highest civilian honor, and Gold Medal Laureate of the Leeds International Piano Competition.

In recent seasons, Jon Kimura Parker has performed as guest soloist with the New York Philharmonic, The Cleveland Orchestra, The Philadelphia Orchestra, the Warsaw Philharmonic, and the NHK Tokyo Orchestra. Summer festival appearances have included the Hollywood Bowl, Vail, Ravinia, La Jolla, Santa Fe, and Orcas Island. He has collaborated with Joshua Bell, James Ehnes, Lynn Harrell, Cho-Liang Lin, Audra McDonald, Bobby McFerrin, and Pinchas Zukerman. Mr. Parker has given command performances for Queen Elizabeth II, the United States Supreme Court, and the Prime Ministers of Canada and Japan, and has given world premieres of works by Alexina Louie, Paul Schoenfield and Peter Schickele.

Mr. Parker studied with Edward Parker, Keiko Parker, Lee Kum-Sing, Marek Jablonski, and Adele Marcus. A committed educator himself, Jon Kimura Parker is Professor of Piano at The Shepherd School of Music at Rice University in Houston. He has recorded for CBC Records and Telarc.