

# CHRIS DONNELLY | PIANIST

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **University of Toronto**

- Faculty Member at the Faculty of Music (2008-present)

### **National Music Camp of Canada**

- Faculty Member (Summer 2004-present)

### **PrairieLands Jazz Camp**

- Faculty Member (Summer 2006)

### **Humber College Community Music School**

- Faculty Member (2005-2006)

## SPECIAL PERFORMANCES

**Myriad3 Tokyo Jazz Festival** (2016)

**Myriad3 European Tour** (2016)

**Allied Concert Tour, USA** (2016)

**CIMA's Mission to Japan – Canadian Embassy** (2015)

**Myriad3 European Tour** (2015)

**Myriad3 Ronnie Scott's International Jazz Piano Trio Festival, London UK** (2015)

**Myriad3 JazzAhead! Bremen, Germany** (2015)

**Northern BC Tour** (2015)

**Shanghai International Arts Festival - with Ron Korb** (2014)

**Myriad3 USA Tour** (2014)

**Myriad3 Canadian Jazz Festival Tour** (2014)

**Myriad3 European Tour** (2013)

**Prairie Debut Tour** (2013)

**Debut Atlantic Tour** (2011)

**Stratford Summer Music Festival** (2011)

**Music by the Sea** (2010-2013)

**Elora Festival** (2010)

**Montreal Chamber Music Festival** (2010)

**National Jazz Awards** (2009)

**JunoFest** (2009)

**Montreux Jazz Piano Competition** (2009)

**Nottingham National Jazz Piano Competition** (2008, 2010)

**The Great American Jazz Piano Competition, Jacksonville Jazz Festival** (2007)

## MUSIC EDUCATION

### **University of Toronto (2005 - 2007)**

- Graduated with Masters in Jazz Performance (2007)
- Studied privately with David Braid

### **University of Toronto (2001-2005)**

- Graduated with Bachelor in Jazz Performance with Honours (2005)
- Studied with Paul Read, Gary Williamson, Brian Dickinson, Kirk MacDonald and Terry Promane
- Studied minimalism and rhythmic theory with Russell Hartenburger
- Studied harmony, counterpoint and composition with Alexander Rapoport

### **Royal Conservatory of Music (1990 - 1998)**

- Played in many Kiwanis Festivals and other local recitals and competitions
- Completed Grade 3 Harmony with first class honours (1996)
- Completed Grade 9 Piano with first class honours (1998)
- Studied with James Anagnoson, Lynda Metelsky and Earl Mlotek

### **Humber College Community Music School (1986 - 2001)**

- Began music studies at age two and a half, in the early childhood programs of Orff and Kodaly
- Started piano lessons at the age of four
- Studied composition, arranging, theory and applied lessons; played in combos and big bands
- Studied with Cathy Mitro, Anthony Panacci, Nancy Walker, Jim Lewis, Pat Wheeler

## **AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS and GRANTS**

### **Steinway Artist (2015-present)**

#### **Canadian Music Centre**

- Associate Composer (2013 – Present)

#### **Juno Nominations**

- *Solo* - Traditional Jazz Album of the Year (2009)
- *The Where* - Jazz Album of the Year, Group (2015)

#### **2009 National Jazz Awards Nominations**

- Best Keyboardist of the Year
- Best Recording of the Year (*Solo*)

#### **Canada Council for the Arts**

- Touring Grants (2011-2016)
- Audience and Market Development Travel Grant (2015)
- Project Grants to Professional Musicians (2010)
- Project Grants to Professional Musicians (2008)

#### **Ontario Arts Council**

- Touring Grant (2013, 2016)
- Popular Music Recording Grant (2012)

#### **Toronto Arts Council**

- Music Creation and Audio Recording (2014)

#### **Nottingham National Jazz Piano Competition**

- Finalist (2008, 2010, 2012)

#### **The Great American Jazz Piano Competition**

- 2nd Place (2007)

#### **IAJE Canada**

- The Dr. Oscar Peterson/Verve Canada Scholarship Winner (2006-07)

#### **University of Toronto**

- The Tecumseh Sherman Rogers Graduating Award (2007)
- Nicolas Fodor Fellowship (2006)
- OGS (Ontario Graduate Scholarship) (2006)
- Jean Chalmers Scholarship (2002), (2004)
- Don Wright Scholarship (2004)
- Pandid Jasraj Endowment Award (2004)
- Duke Ellington Society Jazz Scholarship (2002)

## **DISCOGRAPHY**

- Gruber "*Stranger Things Soundtrack Vol. 1, Chiptune Edition*" (2017)
- Gruber "*Wonder Boy III, MilkyTracker Edition*" (2016)
- Gruber "*The Last Bot*" (2016)
- Gruber "*Sonic the Hedgehog, Pico-8 Edition*" (2016)
- Gruber "*Double Dragon, Pico-8 Edition*" (2016)
- Myriad3 "*Moons*" (Alma Records, 2016)
- Gruber "*The Legend of Zelda: A Link to the Past, Pico-8 Edition*" (2015)
- Chris Donnelly // Myriad3 "*Tell Chip*" (Alma Records 2015)
- Myriad3 "*The Where*" (Alma Records 2014)
- Wolak-Donnelly Duo "*Common Ground*" (Alma Records 2013)
- Myriad3 "*Tell*" (Alma Records 2012)
- Chris Donnelly "*Metamorphosis*" (Alma Records 2011)
- Chris Donnelly "*Solo*" (Alma Records 2008)