

## Biography of Joanne Bender

Joanne Bender holds B. Sc. and M. Sc. degrees from University of Waterloo, an ARCT in piano performance, B. Mus. (composition) from Wilfrid Laurier University and M. Mus (composition) from University of Toronto. Her composition teachers include Glenn Buhr, Gary Kulesha, Chan Ka Nin and Christos Hatzis. Joanne has composed many piano pieces for students, as well as chamber music works, a chamber opera, children's musical and a cantata for church use. Her piano pieces have been published in the RCM *Piano Odyssey* series and Canadian National Conservatory of Music *Northern Lights* series. Joanne has a large and active studio of piano and composition students in Waterloo, Ontario, where she is president of KW ORMTA. A well-known chamber musician and adjudicator in the Kitchener-Waterloo area, Joanne enjoys a full and satisfying life of music. She and her husband John have four adult children and enjoy travelling.