

SUSAN HOEPPNER

Flute

Long Bio

“Miss Hoepner proved that she can turn a legato phrase with the best of them.”

- The New York Times

Appreciated for being a “born soloist” (*Toronto Globe & Mail*), where “one can almost hear the words in her flute song” (*Washington Post*), Canadian flutist Susan Hoepner is highly regarded for her flawless lyricism, dazzling virtuosity and “no holds barred” approach to performing. She is an established international soloist and chamber musician, and her appearances include prestigious venues spanning the continents of North America, South America, Europe, and Asia.

Ms. Hoepner has performed as a guest soloist with orchestras around the world, beginning her professional career with Orquesta de Camera at the famed Teatro Colon in Buenos Aires. Following her debut in Argentina, she went on to be guest soloist with the Lisbon Radio Orchestra (Portugal), Kyoto Symphony Orchestra (Japan), Takefu Int’l Festival Orchestra (Japan), Northern Lights Festival Orchestra (Mexico), Sacramento Symphony, New York Chamber Ensemble, among others. Closer to home in Canada, she has performed with the Toronto Symphony, Edmonton Symphony, Calgary Philharmonic, Orchestre Métropolitain de Montréal, Manitoba Chamber Ensemble, Canadian Chamber Ensemble, Kitchener/Waterloo Symphony, Toronto Chamber Players, Regina Symphony and the Hamilton Philharmonic.

A celebrated recording artist, her numerous discs have been lauded with critical acclaim. Recently, Ms. Hoepner was nominated for a JUNO Award with her latest recording on the Marquis Classics label entitled “*American Flute Masterpieces*”, with pianist Lydia Wong, in the category of “Classical Album of the Year: Chamber or Solo” in 2012. In this same year, Susan became the only Canadian flutist to be appointed a Haynes Artist. The Boston-based Wm. S. Haynes Flute Company is one of the world’s top flute makers; Susan will represent Haynes in performances, masterclasses, lectures, and other appearances. She was invited by the well-known music publisher Frederick Harris Music Company to record, represent and showcase their newly established repertoire series entitled “*Overtones: A Comprehensive Flute Series*”. She performed this series in presentation recitals across North America, with its launch beginning at the National Flute Convention 2010 in California.

Susan Hoepner is proud to introduce works by Canadian composers to her audiences, and has been invited to perform in Canadian Embassies worldwide where she programs new and exciting works. In August, 2011 she gave the world premiere of a new flute Concerto written for her by Christos Hatzis called "*Departures: Concerto for Flute and String Orchestra*" with the Kyoto Symphony Orchestra in Japan. This Concerto is part of her new recording project on the Marquis Classics label to be released in 2014. She recently commissioned a new flute Sonata by Gary Kulesha and will premiere this work in her upcoming 2013-14 season in Canada and Mexico.

She maintains an active media presence and can be heard frequently on Canada's national broadcaster, on CBC Radio 2, Classical 96.3FM, on live Bravo! TV broadcasts and Galaxie TV radio. Susan Hoepner graduated from The Juilliard School in New York where she studied with the renowned flutist Julius Baker. An esteemed mentor herself, Susan is on faculty at the Royal Conservatory of Music's Glenn Gould School and the University of Toronto. Each summer she joins the international music faculty at Le Domaine Forget in Charlevoix, Québec, teaching and performing.

Past projects of interest include participating in fashion designer Rosemarie Umetsu's 2010 "Iconic Beauty", a photographic celebration of Canadian Female Artists; and being photographed by renowned French photographer Pierre Maraval for the 2007 opening gala of Toronto's Luminato Festival of Arts and Creativity, which celebrated 1,000 women (Mille Femmes) who contribute to Toronto's artistic community.

Ms. Hoepner, "Sue" to her friends, enjoys swimming, walking, shoe-shopping, cooking, designing candles and stationary, and is a devoted animal lover. She enjoys learning languages such as Japanese and French. She also happily puts her unique organizational skills to good use by helping friends and family sort their closets and redecorate their homes.

Ms. Hoepner currently resides in Toronto, Canada.

For more information and updates, please visit www.susanhoepner.com

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