

## **David Sharpe**

### **Piano**

David Sharpe is a versatile pianist and educator who has performed and presented across Canada, the USA and Europe. Born in Summerside, PEI, Sharpe holds an ARCT and bachelor degrees in music (with distinction) and education from Mt. Allison University, where he was Valedictorian. Studying under Edmund Dawe, he won the Atlantic Young Artistic Competition in 1995. Sharpe went on to attain master and doctoral degrees in piano performance and pedagogy from Arizona State University, where he also completed a law degree. During his time at ASU, Sharpe was the collegiate winner in Arizona of the MTNA performance competition in piano three years in a row, and won several awards for the performance of contemporary music. He has premiered new works, performed in contemporary music ensembles, and taken part in several festivals including Adamant, Vermont; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Deutscher Tonkünstlerverband in Münster, Germany. He has taught in the summer piano program at Interlochen, Michigan.

Dr. Sharpe serves as a senior piano and piano pedagogy examiner for RCM Examinations. In addition, Dr. Sharpe has served as a reviewer for the Frederick Harris Music Company, and presented workshops on their publications to piano teacher associations across the USA. He has presented at local, provincial, state, national and international music conferences including the CFMTA, MTNA and EPTA (European Piano Teachers' Association) on a variety of topics including building music memory and tying the title to the teaching – bringing musical images to life. His piano students have won top honors in music competitions and examinations. Dr. Sharpe is based in Stratford, PEI, has served as board president of the PEI Symphony Orchestra and is a current member of PEIRMTA.