

Festival Massed Horn Choir

Mary Fearon, conductor

Cantando Festival
Winspear Centre, Edmonton
April 27, 2010, 8:00pm

Intrada

Johann Pezel

Canon

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

CONDUCTOR BIOGRAPHY

Mary Fearon (french horn) Mary Fearon was born in Edmonton and has a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Toronto, and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta. While living in Toronto she performed with many groups including the Canadian Opera Company, the Toronto Symphony, the Toronto Pops Orchestra, the National Arts Centre Orchestra and the York Brass.

Since returning to Edmonton in 1989 she has been a regular performer with the Edmonton Symphony, the Citadel Theatre, Alberta Baroque Ensemble and numerous chamber ensembles. She is a founding member of "Wind, Women and Song", an eclectic chamber group who are recording a new children's CD set for release in September 2009. As a soloist she has been heard in recital at Alberta College, All Saints' Anglican Church, Festival Place, and the McDougall at Noon concert series. Ms. Fearon has been a guest artist at "The Call of the Wild" Horn Festival in Cold Lake since its inception in 1998. At the festival she has shared the stage as a soloist with Phillip Meyers from the New York Philharmonic, Richard Sebring from the Boston Pops, and Jeff Nelsen from the Canadian Brass. She has been heard on Our Music, CBC1, and performed in the Wednesday at Winspear series with Take Three Plus One.

Ms. Fearon has been the horn instructor at Alberta College since 1994. Her students regularly perform and are awarded scholarships in Contemporary Showcase, the Fall Music Festival, and Kiwanis Festival. Ms. Fearon has had five students qualify for Silver Medals with the Toronto Royal Conservatory of Music, signifying that they have achieved the highest mark for Winds and Brass in the prairie provinces. Mary is also in demand as a clinician and adjudicator. She enjoys gardening and cooking, and is married with three daughters, and an energetic Brittany Spaniel named Beau.