

Sheila Ardies

Born in Winnipeg, Mrs. Ardies grew up participating in various disciplines at the Winnipeg Music Festival. She is a strong supporter of local festivals and sees them as valuable tools in shaping and developing performance skills for all performers. In competition her students have won numerous trophies and scholarships at both the local and provincial levels. Several of her students have received the Provincial award for highest Royal Conservatory exam scores.

Sheila received her diploma of vocal performance from the Royal Conservatory of Music. She has studied voice under teachers including Susan Weiser, Geraldine Patterson and Henriette Schellenberg, and has studied choral conducting with William Berg.

Sheila has been singing with choirs all her life, and believes in the learning and creative force that drives them. She is sought after as a vocal and choral adjudicator and clinician. She has been a coordinator for the Eastman youth choir as well as conductor for many church choirs and musicals. She has performed with the Winnipeg Singers, Manitoba Opera Chorus, The Little Opera Company, at the Winnipeg Fringe Festival, and in various Community Musicals. Recent roles include Mrs. Lynde in *Anne of Green Gables*, the Mother Abbes in the *Sound of Music*, Miss Todd in Menotti's *The Old Maid And The Thief*, Julia Jellico in Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Grand Duke*, Katisha, in *The Mikado*, and "The Witch" in Humperdink's, *Hansel and Gretel*.

Currently on staff at Steinbach Bible College as head of the conservatory voice department, and Musical Theatre specialist, she has been a vocal coach for several dance and musical theatre schools in the Eastman area. She is a member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing, and a member of the South-Eastern Music Teachers Association. Sheila's main responsibilities lie in maintaining a large voice studio at Steinbach Bible College and Christian High School, and in her private home studio. Sheila resides in Steinbach, Manitoba with her Family.