

Loren Hiebert

Ever since he was a quiet little boy growing up in rural Kansas, Loren has felt a close connection to music. The folks in church always sang in four-part harmony, and there was southern gospel music on the record player. A most significant part of Loren's musical development was his uncle and piano teacher, Glenn Loewen.

Since 1980, Loren has been sharing that rich musical relationship with 60-70 piano students a year. Drawing on his active professional life as a performer, recording artist, collaborator, and adjudicator, he has been eager to bring his students into that world of vibrant creative experience.

Loren has been the accompanist for many individuals and groups. They have included opera singers Andriana Chuchman, Robyn Driedger Klassen, Victor Engbrecht, Philip Ens and Jerome Hines. He has performed and recorded extensively with violinist Rosemary Siemens. Loren improvised the accompaniments on Canzona's three CD recordings of German hymns. He currently accompanies the Southern Manitoba Choral Society, the Faith and Life Male Choir, and the Central Manitoba Youth Choir.

In addition to a university music degree, Loren holds Royal Conservatory of Music ARCT diplomas in piano performance and piano teaching. He remains a long-time member of the piano faculty at the International Music Camp. In 2012 Loren received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal for his work with youth choirs, music within the community, and private music instruction. In 2018 he was recognized as a Teacher of Distinction by the Royal Conservatory of Music.

Loren and his wife Lori live in Altona.