

## Everett Hopfner Bio

Everett Hopfner is not a harmonium player. However, if you need a harmonium player, you're in luck: he'll probably say yes. An enthusiastic explorer of the piano (or whichever keyboard instrument happens to be nearest), Everett's performances exude joy and intention, qualities he translates to his roles as teacher, administrator, advocate, and life-long learner.

Everett's reputation as a generous, thoughtful, and brilliantly skilled player continues to grow. His openness and penchant for musical risk-taking has led to many collaborations with composers and artistic peers. Delighted audiences have found him strumming piano strings surrounded by whale skeletons in Frankfurt's Senckenberg Museum, tinkling away at the jeu de timbres on tour with the Junge Deutsche Philharmonie, performing on cathedral steps under the stars as a collaborative pianist for Casalmaggiore International Music Festival in Italy, touring across Canada as a winner of the Eckhardt-Gramatté National Music Competition, and illuminated by a pulsating light installation alongside the Assiniboine River as part of Winnipeg's Nuit Blanche. Everett performs regularly with pianist Madeline Hildebrand in the experimental keyboard duo *Tönky Hönk*: together they have held artistic residencies at Avaloch Farm Music Institute, New Music on the Point, and Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Everett is an active piano teacher in high demand for workshops, masterclasses, adjudication, and summer festivals. He facilitates meaningful experiences by asking questions, embracing challenges, and developing goal-oriented, student-centred learning processes. Everett lives for the "lightbulb moments" -- instants where his students find clarity or realize a musical wish -- and works tirelessly to break down barriers to musical participation and understanding still enduring in traditional institutions. Everett has contributed to his artistic community as a board member for the Eckhardt-Gramatté National Music Competition, Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals, and the Manitoba Registered Music Teachers' Association, and previously served as Director of the Eckhardt-Gramatté Conservatory of Music at Brandon University. He is based in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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