

Jennifer Paterson

When Jennifer Paterson started lessons at the age of 6 she had no idea that the most interesting, inspiring and joyful people and experiences she would have in her life would be through those connections she has made through music. Jennifer feels fortunate to have a piano degree from The Royal Conservatory of Toronto, a BM in Voice Performance from the University of British Columbia and a Master of Music from Boston University. She was the recipient of the Canada Council Award to study at the Royal Opera house in London at Covent Garden and was the principal Soprano for the New England Chamber Opera. She was heard in several operas with the Vancouver Opera Company.

Jennifer has performed in almost every genre of music. Her leading roles include Maria in *West Side Story* and Carrie in *Carousel* among many others. She originated the role of Phoebe in the world premiere of the opera, *Le Devin du Village* by Rousseau with the Boston Early Music group, The Friends of Doctor Burney. Many of her students have gone on to achieve Master's and Doctoral degrees in Music and others have performed on *American Idol*, *The Voice* and *America's Got Talent*.

Jennifer is the founder and former CEO of the largest music school of its kind in Southern California, California Music Studio, where she and her staff developed more than 1900 students each year and provided opportunities for more than 2000 teachers.