



Ricardo de la Torre Piano

In demand as a performer, teacher, adjudicator and presenter, Ricardo de la Torre currently serves as piano instructor for the Community Music Program at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, where he was also staff accompanist for the School of Music. Ricardo has played in concert venues in Mexico, the United States, Canada, Spain, Austria and France. A finalist and prize winner in several competitions in Mexico and the U.S., he received second prize at the Eleventh Annual Competition in the Performance of Music from Spain

and Latin America, sponsored by Indiana University's Latin American Music Center and the Embassy of Spain. The recordings he made as a result of this competition were included in a two-CD collection released by the LAMC. Together with his wife, Lark Powers, Ricardo forms a piano duo that has performed internationally and was a finalist of the United States International Piano Duo Competition in Colorado Springs.

Born in Mexico City, Ricardo attended the *Escuela Superior de Música* in his home town, where he received a Bachelor's degree *cum laude*. He continued his studies at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, where he received a Master of Music degree and went on to graduating with a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Colorado Boulder, where he worked as a teaching assistant.

An active presenter, he has participated in numerous local, regional and international conferences and the results of his research have been published in specialized journals in the U.S., Mexico and Colombia.

He served on the faculty of East Central University in Ada, OK and has taught music analysis at Pacific Lutheran University. Currently he is pianist at First Lutheran Church in Tacoma where he also directs its summer concert series *Listen Live at Lunch*.