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CATHERINE McCLELLAND TO JOIN HONENS AS DIRECTOR, ARTISTIC PLANNING

CALGARY, AB, January 17, 2019 — The Esther Honens International Piano Competition Foundation is delighted to announce the appointment of Catherine McClelland to the role of Director, Artistic Planning.

McClelland has enjoyed a long career in classical music in Calgary, Ottawa, and Toronto where she worked on many radio programs including *Encore*, *Mostly Music*, *Symphony Hall*, *Our Music*, *Tonic*, and *Centre Stage* with the goal of making classical music exciting and accessible to all. As a producer with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC Radio), she produced hundreds of concert recordings in all genres from pop and rock to jazz and opera.

Catherine McClelland considers recording the world premiere of Calgary Opera's *Filumena*, founding the classical crossover concert series *Combo to Go*, and winning a Silver Medal at the New York Festivals World's Best Radio Programs for *In Tune* (with Katherine Duncan) among the highlights of her CBC career.

"I can't imagine anyone more qualified to work hand in hand with Jon Kimura Parker, our Artistic Director, and our brilliant new Prize Laureate, Nicolas Namoradze," said Neil Edwards, Honens President & CEO. "It's both a privilege and a pleasure to welcome Catherine to our team."

Along with her extensive experience as a producer, McClelland has a long history with Honens. Over her years at CBC she has hosted many concerts and events, as well as facilitated the Competition live stream and broadcast for national and international radio.

McClelland has an MA in Musicology from the University of Toronto. She is an avid runner, a lapsed oboist, and a choral singer. She assumes her new role with Honens on February 4, 2019.

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BACKGROUND

ABOUT HONENS

Honens discovers, nurtures, and presents Complete Artists—21st century pianists for 21st century audiences. The Honens International Piano Competition takes place every three years and is considered one of the world's most prestigious events of its kind. Honens prepares its Laureates for the rigours and realities of professional careers in music and creates opportunities for growth and exposure. The annual Honens Festival is one of Canada's premier classical music events, intended to share Mrs. Honens' love of world renowned music with Albertans every year. The 2019 Honens Festival takes place in Calgary from September 5 to 8.

Esther Honens created a legacy of musical excellence to be enjoyed for generations. In 1991, Mrs. Honens gave \$5 million to endow an international piano competition in her hometown of Calgary, Canada. Her generosity, vision, and love of music continue to touch the lives of musicians and music-lovers at home and around the world. Honens' Legacy Partners follow in Esther Honens' footsteps by securing Honens' future and ensuring its continued ability to offer a broad scope of programming and community outreach projects.