

**Laraine Herzog** has been teaching piano part-time at University Settlement's Music & Arts School for eight years. Many of her students have achieved First-Class Honours at the Royal Conservatory of Music (RCM) piano exams, and several have been awarded scholarships. Laraine has been nominated for the RCM's Best Teacher Award for 2011.

Laraine enjoys an active career as a musician, teacher and arts administrator. In her youth, she studied piano with Mona Bates and Margaret Miller Brown in Toronto, and continued her studies in England with Hilda Dederich and in California with Charles Fulkerson. A former piano teacher at the Royal Conservatory of Music, she received her Bachelor of Music degree (*summa cum laude*) from California State University at Humboldt, where she was also the Piano Accompanist for the Department of Music. She also holds an Artist Diploma in Piano Performance from the University of Toronto's Faculty of Music and an LRAM Piano Teacher's Diploma from the Royal Academy of Music in London, England.

Laraine is currently active as a chamber musician and accompanist, and is the pianist for Triolette Ensemble (vocal duo with piano), which frequently performs at libraries, hospitals and retirement residences. She also participates regularly in CAMMAC concerts. In addition to teaching at University Settlement, Laraine works full-time for Roy Thomson Hall where she manages the Noon-Hour Choir & Organ Concerts, as well as the *Share the Music* outreach program that provides tickets for youth to attend workshops and concerts at Roy Thomson and Massey Halls. Many music students from University Settlement's Music & Arts School have attended *Share the Music* events since the program's inception in 1999.