

Lucile Brais Hildesheim

Harp



Lucile Brais Hildesheim grew up in Montreal where she began playing the harp at the age of 8. She is a graduate of McGill University with a Bachelor's degree in Performance. A finalist in the CBC National Competition (1981), Ms Hildesheim went on to perform regularly for CBC and Radio-Canada. After a break in the 1990s to pursue other interests, Lucile now focuses her career as a harp soloist on both classical and Celtic harp. She has performed concertos with orchestras in Montreal, Calgary, Ottawa and Brussels. In 2002, Ms. Hildesheim premiered the Concerto for Celtic Harp by Canadian composer Mark Mitchell; a chamber version with members of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra was well received in 2005. Her solo and chamber music concerts have taken her to Rideau Hall, Lake Placid, Texas, performances with the Ottawa Chamber Players and the Lanaudière and Domaine Forget summer festivals. She has recorded with several choirs and produced a solo harp album. Lucile teaches harp at the University of Ottawa, and her private studio is busy with young and mature students.

“Harpist Lucile Brais Hildesheim’s exquisite playing was another of the afternoon’s major pleasures.”

Richard Todd, the Ottawa Citizen.