

## **Biography for Susan Adams**

Originally from Ottawa, Susan Adams studied in Calgary, Basel and Amsterdam where she specialized in the performance of music of the 16<sup>th</sup> to late 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries. Returning to Canada, Susan moved to Vancouver where she played numerous concerts as both soloist and continuo player. Eventually, she began to widen her collection of antique and reproduction early keyboards, and performed in Washington, Alberta, and Oregon, as well as throughout British Columbia.

She has made many recordings including a survey of Sonatas by Mozart, a series of Suites by Couperin on a Frank Hubbard French double-manual harpsichord, an unusual recording of music especially designated for an Italian-style harpsichord and various pieces by Haydn, J.C. Bach and J.S. Bach. One of her most successful projects is a performance of duo music of the early nineteenth century, using a restored square piano from the 1820's of rarely-heard pieces for early guitar and piano with Clive Titmuss. She is one of only a handful of BC artists with such a discography still available to students and the public.

Moving to Kelowna, she established and cultivated a web presence by beginning one of the first downloadable music websites for early music in the country. With the advent of mobiles and streaming her recordings have reached a new audience. She commissioned the restoration of early pianos by Bechstein, Erard, and Collard: and a particularly spectacular grand, made by John Broadwood in London in 1809. This is the same model that Broadwood sent as a gift to Beethoven in 1815; it quickly became his favourite, shaping the sounds heard in his landmark sonatas in unexpected ways.

As a continuo player, she has worked with the Calgary Philharmonic, the Handel Society of Vancouver and the Kamloops and Okanagan and the Okanagan Festival Singers. Along with Clive Titmuss, she maintains a successful YouTube channel with more than 227K views and 1800 subscribers, at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo9xxfdmwQieHnL87Fn6xbQ> where you can find many instructional videos and all of the Early Music Studio recordings. Please visit the website at [www.earlymusicstudio.com](http://www.earlymusicstudio.com) for information and photos.