

## **Lorna Griffitt**

Lorna Griffitt, D.M., began her performing career at 16 as a soloist with the Louisville Orchestra under the direction of Robert Whitney, in a performance of the *Grieg Piano Concerto in A Minor*. Her teachers include Doris Owen (Bickel), Tong Il Han, Gyorgy Sebok and Maria Curcio. She received her doctorate, with distinction, in piano performance from Indiana University under the tutelage of Menahem Pressler.

Lorna Griffitt enjoys an active career as soloist, chamber musician and pedagogue here in the US and in South America, Europe and the Middle East. She began her teaching career in 1974 at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana and joined the music faculty at the University of California, Irvine in 1993. For nearly two decades she was a faculty member for the Indiana University Piano Academy in Bloomington, Indiana.

Currently during the summers, she is invited as guest artist to the Orfeo International Music Festival in Vipiteno, Italy and to the International Cello Encounter in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where she teaches, gives masterclasses and performs in concerto and chamber concerts with various international artists.