

## **SUSAN MERDINGER, piano**

American Steinway Artist, Susan Merdinger has been captivating audiences for over 30 years with her revelatory and inspirational concert performances and CD recorded programs such as *Four Centuries*, *American Melting Pot*, *French Fantasy* and *the Classical Style*. Critics from prestigious publications such as the *American Record Guide*, *Fanfare Magazine*, the *Whole Note Magazine*, *Classical Candor*, the *Classical Sentinel*, have acclaimed Merdinger's interpretations for their "eloquent expression and exquisite beauty", "searing intensity", "glowing beauty, power and vitality" describing her playing as "radiant, energetic and aesthetically poised", "melancholic, dramatic, joyful, introspective, and haunting by turns".

Performing her sold-out solo piano recital debut in Carnegie Recital Hall at age twenty-four as a Winner of the Artists International, Merdinger has continued to grace the stages of some of the world's best concert halls, and has been featured on radio and television around the world including WFMT, WQXR and the BBC. Merdinger enjoys an active performing schedule as a concerto soloist, recitalist, chamber musician and duo pianist. She has collaborated with members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, New Jersey Symphony, National Symphony Orchestra, New York Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, the New York Philharmonic, the Chicago Philharmonic, the BBC Philharmonic, and with renowned international soloists, composers and conductors.

Amongst her many honors, Merdinger is the winner of The Dewar's Young Artist Award in Music, two Gold Medals in the Global Music Awards, The American Prize in Piano Concerto Performance, and two First Prizes in the Bradshaw and Buono International Piano Competition. A protege of Steinway piano legends Claude Frank and Constance Keene, Ms. Merdinger also studied conducting under Otto Werner Mueller and Robert Kapilow, and holds degrees from Yale University and the Yale School of Music. Susan is the Founder and Artist Director of Sheridan Music Studio of Fort Sheridan, and an Artistic Advisor for IN.LIVE, based in Silicon-Valley.