

Chris Donnelly, Pianist

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Short Biography

“...one of Canada’s best-kept secrets.” – Raul d’Gama Rose, All About Jazz

Chris Donnelly represents a new generation of jazz pianists, composers and improvisers dedicated to creating programs that are engaging, entertaining and educating. He is continually praised for his virtuosic performances, musicality, versatility and ability to captivate audiences.

In September 2008, Chris released his Juno-nominated, debut album with Alma Records called *'Solo,'* featuring a blend of original material and arrangements of jazz standards. This also earned him nominations for 'Best Recording of the Year' and 'Best Keyboardist of the Year' from the 2009 National Jazz Awards.

Upon completing his Masters of Music in Jazz Performance at the University of Toronto, Chris was awarded The Tecumseh Sherman Rogers Graduating Award for students *'deemed to have the greatest potential to make an important contribution to the field of music.'*

Chris is currently on faculty at the University of Toronto.