

Senior Strings Adjudicator

Elaine Klimasko

Elaine Klimasko began her musical studies in Hamilton, Ontario at the age of four and continued her studies at the Toronto Royal Conservatory on a special string scholarship. She has studied in Canada, the United States and abroad and her teachers include Lorand Fenyves, Franco Gulli and Joseph Gingold. Her distinguished career as an orchestral musician, soloist, chamber musician, teacher and adjudicator has taken her all over the world.

She is a founding member of the National Arts Centre Orchestra and has appeared as a soloist with the Orchestra. She is a well-known chamber musician and has performed with renowned artists such as Jaime Laredo, Anton Kuerti and William Preucil. Elaine Klimasko has earned an international reputation as a dedicated teacher. She leads a very active teaching career presenting masterclasses, coaching chamber music and orchestra musicians, serving on juries for competitions and teaching privately. Her students are very frequently winners of competitions and hold important positions as chamber and orchestral musicians all over North America. In 2003 NACO Music Director Pinchas Zukerman asked her to launch the first Junior Young Artists Programme for the NAC Summer Music Institute. This highly successful programme attracts very gifted students from Canada and abroad.

Elaine Klimasko has also done some acting and has appeared in *House of Luk* and more recently *Getting Along Famously*.