

Harp Adjudicator – Alanna Ellison

A Toronto native, Alanna Ellison is a sought-after musician, having performed in a wide range of venues and performance settings. She was influenced from an early age by many different genres including Celtic music that could be heard in her childhood home.

She is a graduate of the Master of Music program at the Schulich School of Music at McGill University, under the tutelage of Jennifer Swartz, principal harpist of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra. Alanna previously completed her Bachelor degree at the University of Toronto, where she studied with the renowned harpist, Judy Loman. Alanna is forever grateful to the two teachers who fostered her harp beginnings, Sharlene Wallace and Marie Lorcini.

Alanna has performed for numerous masterclasses for internationally respected harpists such as Alice Giles, Lynne Aspnes, Mariko Anraku, Marie-Pierre Langlamet, and Caroline Lizotte.

She has also had the opportunity to perform with groups such as the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony, Montreal Symphony, National Arts Centre Orchestra, Regina Symphony Orchestra, Niagara Symphony, and many more. Alanna is also a two-time alumni of the National Youth Orchestra of Canada with whom she traveled to Spain, Germany, and Scotland. Most recently in 2022, she was a fellow with the Orchestra of the Americas OAcademy program.