

Beverley Johnston, O.C. percussionist

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Beverley Johnston, O.C., is one of Canada's leading percussionists. Over the years, she has commissioned and performed many works by leading Canadian composers some of which have become a staple of the standard percussion repertory around the world. In honour of her exemplary commitment to the performance of the music of Canadian composers, she has been awarded the distinction of "Canadian Music Centre Ambassador". In 2024 she was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada and was inducted into the Percussive Arts Society Hall of Fame.

She has established her reputation beyond the border of her native Canada where she tours and performs frequently as a soloist and chamber musician. She has been invited to numerous internationally renowned marimba and percussion festivals over the years and has recorded seven solo albums. She can be heard as soloist and chamber musician on many other recordings.

Beverley teaches at the University of Toronto and is a [MARIMBA ONE](#) and [PAISTE](#) artist.

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