

Robin McNeil

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Robin McNeil began his study of piano at DePauw University at the age of four. He has a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance from Indiana University and a Master of Music in Piano Performance from the University of Illinois.

Mr. McNeil began teaching at the University of Illinois, and then at the University of South Dakota where he was Chairman of the Piano Department. He has taught both graduate and undergraduate piano, piano literature, general music history, Medieval and Renaissance music literature, Medieval Liturgical Music, and a graduate course in Bibliographic Citation and the Techniques of Music Research. He has written over 1,000 concert reviews, including reviews of musicology books for *CHOICE* magazine of the American Library Association and *Publisher's Weekly*. He is also a published poet.



In the past, Mr. McNeil has been thoroughly involved in arts management as the Executive Director of the Fine Arts Center of Clinton (Illinois), State Treasurer of the Association of Illinois Arts Agencies, and member of the Long Range Planning Committee of the Central Illinois Cultural Affairs Consortium. Mr. McNeil has been the Executive Director of the Denver Philharmonic Orchestra, and is currently the Executive Director of the New Colorado Festival Orchestra.

He has performed throughout the United States with orchestras, chamber groups, and as a soloist.

Outside the sphere of music, Robin has raced Alfa Romeo and Ferrari automobiles.

Mr. McNeil now lives with his wife in Colorado where he teaches privately and continues to do research on the French composer, Théodore Gouvy. Mr. McNeil is an Honorary Member of the Institut Théodore Gouvy of Hombourg-Haut, France, and a member of The American Liszt Society. He maintains a blog site, Opus Colorado, where he writes music reviews and commentary.