

## BETH ROOT SANDVOSS: CELLIST

Cellist **Beth Root Sandvoss** has a notably varied career as a recitalist, chamber musician and pedagogue. Beth's early professional activities took her to Hong Kong, where she became a member of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra as well as the Victoria String Quartet, performing throughout Asia.

After completing graduate studies at the Cleveland Institute of Music as well as further studies in San Francisco, Beth settled in Calgary, Alberta where she enjoys an active performance career in Canada and abroad. Beth regularly collaborates with artists such as Ian Swenson, Barry Shiffman, James Campbell, François Houle and Linda Wang. She has recorded for WERN Madison public radio, RTHK Radio Hong Kong, and CBC Radio. Recent appearances include concert tours in China and Portugal.

Beth has an intense interest in new music and is a founding member of the acclaimed Land's End Ensemble, winners of both the 2005 and 2006 Western Canadian Music Award for Outstanding Classical Recording. In addition to her Land's End Ensemble activities, Beth is a member of the UCalgary String Quartet in residence at the University of Calgary. Nominated as Instrumental Group of the Year, the UCalgary String Quartet has completed live recordings of all the Beethoven String Quartets as well as the CD *Far Behind I left My Country* which features Klezmer and East European Folk Music.

Along with her performance career, Beth is a very dedicated pedagogue. As a sought after clinician she has worked with both teachers and students on her methods. Her pupils have won numerous competitions in Canada and are regularly invited to summer festivals around the world. Beth's students have continued on as scholarship students to major universities and conservatories such as New England Conservatory, Mannes College of Music and the Juilliard School. She is a faculty member at Mount Royal University and spends her summers teaching and performing at music festivals throughout Canada and the United States. Beth has the great pleasure and privilege to perform on an award - winning cello made by her husband, Luthier, Christopher Sandvoss.

***"The performance brought out its depth of passion....Beth Root Sandvoss has a beautiful sound, coupled with an excellent sense of harmony—"*** Gordon Rumson, Music and Vision