

## 2017 QUEBEC MUSIC COMPETITION JURY MEMBERS

Yuliya Nesterenko is a graduate of McGill University's Schulich School of Music, where she completed both her bachelor and masters degrees in solo piano performance. At McGill she had the opportunity to study with renowned Soviet pianist Marina Mdivani, a student of Emil Gilels.



Yuliya was born in the Ukraine in a family of musicians and teachers. She began her piano studies at the age of 6 in a regional music school in Donetsk. At the age of 15 she continued to pursue her passion for music and teaching and entered the Donetsk State Music College. Four years later she was accepted for studies in Donetsk State Music Academy which was interrupted by her family's move to Montreal. In the year 2000 Yuliya started her teaching career in the Ukraine, and continued teaching in Montreal while pursuing her studies. After

completing her studies with Prof. Marina Mdivani at McGill University, Yuliya fully dedicated herself to teaching both piano performance as well as music in general.



An active pianist-conductor, **Teresa Tang** is the founder and conductor of Mellow Singers (Toronto/Hong Kong). She studied solo piano with renowned Georgian pianist Marina Mdivani at McGill University earning a Bachelor of Music degree, and received her Master of Music in Conducting at University of Toronto under the tutelage of Dr. Doreen Rao, Dr. Lori Ann Dolloff, maestros Robert Cooper, C.M. and David Briskin. She was the Assistant Conductor of the MacMillan Singers and the University of Toronto Women's Chorus, a recipient of the honorable Bruno Walter conducting scholarship and the Hong Kong Children's Choir Education Scholarship. She studied violin with Qing Zheng

during her McGill years, and later, vocal diploma with Mdm. Ella Kiang & Lan Rao.

Teresa's commitment to performance-based music education is manifested in her collaboration with the Pentecostal Lam Hon Kwong School (HK), where she was invited to develop a high school choral education programme with great success. She was a conductor at the Hong Kong Children's Choir, and has presented choral workshops and piano master classes in Hong Kong, Toronto and Montreal. An advocate in lifelong learning, Teresa was a music lecturer at the University of Hong Kong School of Professional and Continuing Education and the Hong Kong Sacred Music Commission.