

Kansas City native, Robin Holtz Williams is former Chair of the Department of Music at The University of New Orleans and past member of the Board of Directors of the Musical Arts Society of New Orleans (MASNO). Dr. Williams earned a Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and then studied at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY where she earned Master and Doctorate degrees in Piano Performance. Since joining the UNO faculty in 1990, she has been a frequent solo and chamber musician in New Orleans, and the surrounding region, including performances with Musaica, a chamber music ensemble affiliated with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra. She has also performed across the country and in Costa Rica. In addition to teaching and performing, she maintains an active schedule as an adjudicator. In the summer 2006, Dr. Williams was a competition judge for the 18<sup>th</sup> New Orleans International Piano Competition. She is currently President of the Northshore Music Teachers Association which is affiliated the Music Teachers National Association.

Dr. Williams has released three solo piano CDs since 2004. Two of these CDs, *A Piano in the House: Music for Hearth and Home* and *A Piano in the House: Signs of Spring*, are part of an ongoing series and in addition to airing on WWNO radio in New Orleans, they can be heard on Pandora internet radio and found on several download and streaming sources including iTunes, Spotify, Amazon, and others. She also collaborated with singer, Trish Foti Genco on the CD, *LOVED*, released in February 2012.