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Praised for his sensitivity and versatility, pianist Stephen Runge has been heard from Victoria to Halifax as soloist and collaborative artist. Stephen has been broadcast nationally on CBC Radio Two and La Chaîne Culturelle de Radio-Canada, receiving special recognition as soloist and for his frequent performances of chamber music and art song. In recent years, he has shared the stage with artists such as violinists Jasper Wood, soprano Christina Haldane, mezzo-sopranos Krisztina Szabó and Patricia Green, tenor David Pomeroy, baritones Roderick Williams and Alexander Dobson, and pianist Adam Sherkin, and has appeared as soloist with the Regina Symphony Orchestra and the Mount Allison Chamber Orchestra. Stephen has recorded all the major works for solo piano by Robert Schumann, an album of solo piano works from 1917, and a recital of English art song with countertenor Daniel Cabena.

Holding a Doctorate of Music in Piano Performance from l'Université de Montréal, Stephen also holds degrees from the University of Victoria and The Glenn Gould School of The Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. Born and raised in Regina, Saskatchewan, he is in demand across the country as teacher, adjudicator, and clinician. In 2025, he joined the University of Manitoba as Dean of the Desautels Faculty of Music and Director of the School of Art. Previously, he was Professor of Piano at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick, where he served as Head of the Department of Music for more than a decade. In recognition of his outstanding teaching, research, creative activities, and service, Mount Allison awarded him a Paul Paré Excellence Award in 2010, the J.E.A. Crake Award for excellence in teaching in the Faculty of Arts in 2014, and the Paul Paré Medal in 2020. For more information, please visit Stephen's website at stephenrunge.com.