



In Loving Memory of Dr. Carolyn Bridger

Pianist Carolyn Bridger concertized extensively as soloist and collaborative artist on four continents. Recent performances took her to New York, Taipei, London, Paris, Lisbon, Prague, Japan, Malaysia and throughout the U.S. She was a founding member of Trio con Brio with whom she toured for many years.

Dr. Bridger presented master classes, lectures and seminars around the globe. Her former students, who have won many competitions and awards, are actively teaching and performing nationally and internationally. During the spring semester 2012, Dr. Bridger served as Visiting Professor at Tainan National University of the Arts in southern Taiwan. She has also served as Resident Program Director of the Florida State University Study-Abroad Program in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, and taught at the FSU Study Centre in London. Until her retirement in 2010, she was the John Boda Professor of Piano and Chamber Music at the Florida State University College of Music. In addition to faculty positions at FSU, UNC-Chapel Hill, Emory University, and Delta State University, she taught and performed at the Interlochen Center for the Arts; the Grand Teton, Red Lodge, and Tidewater Music Festivals; and the Classical Music Seminar in Austria. After her retirement from FSU, she continued to teach and perform every summer at Interlochen Arts Camp and the Chapel Hill Chamber Music Workshop.

Dr. Bridger was a graduate of Oberlin College, Indiana University and the University of Iowa. Additional study was at the Mozarteum Akademie in Salzburg, Austria and at Boston University. She was the principal keyboardist with the Tallahassee Symphony for over thirty years and was also a violist for many years and charter member of the Big Bend Community Orchestra. At the 20th Anniversary concert of the BBCO in April of 2014, she dedicated her performance of a Beethoven piano concerto to the memory of her late husband, Waldie Anderson, one of the co-founders of the orchestra.