

## RONA HOKANSON

**Rona Hokanson** began her piano studies in her hometown at the Pittsburgh Institute of Music and received her Bachelor of Music degree in music history, with minors in piano and voice, at the University of Michigan, where she also accompanied both voice and modern dance classes. Upon graduation, she toured Europe as a piano accompanist for the Yale Glee Club. Her studies continued in Vienna, where she also began one of her main interests, teaching piano to children.

She was active in the organization of international music competitions in Vienna and Salzburg, and above all in Munich at the International Music Competition of the German Broadcasting Stations, where she was an assistant to the director.

After living for twenty-five years in Germany, Rona came with her husband, concert pianist Leonard Hokanson, to Indiana University in 1986. She served for a time as Executive Director of the USA International Harp Competition, held in Bloomington, Indiana. She also served as Director of Musical Attractions at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. After Leonard's death in 2003, Rona again taught piano to children until her retirement in 2006.

From 2003 to 2019 Rona served as Artistic Director of Fox Islands Concerts, taking on extensive administrative responsibilities in addition to music programming. Now a member of the Honorary Advisory Committee of Fox Islands Concerts, she is also an honorary board member of Vinalhaven's Partners in Island Education (PIE) and is listed on the Emeritus Board of the Friends of Music of the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. In addition, Rona serves on the Advisory Board of 240 Strings, a non-profit organization in Portland ME. Founded by the Portland Piano Trio, 240 Strings provides free classical music education for children.

Rona makes her home in Rockland, Maine.

