

Mezzo-soprano Mireille Rijavec has been heard on the CBC as a soloist and has appeared with Pop Goes the Opera, the Alberta Baroque Ensemble, the Richard Eaton Singers, Pro Coro Canada, the Edmonton Metropolitan Orchestra, among others. Theatre being her first love, Mireille has found a number of ways of involving song in theatre works, such as her cabaret **Brie, Baguette and a Bread** that she has been presenting for 15 years, and a number of collaborative works such as **A Most Beautiful Deception**, a play based on the poetry by Melissa Lacroix and **Lost in Montmartre**, a play about a fictional wake for Érik Satie, all presented at the Edmonton Fringe.

Mireille has a Master of Music in Vocal Performance from the University of British Columbia. She was Music Faculty at the University of Alberta's Campus Saint-Jean from 1999 to 2012 and was on staff at Concordia University of Edmonton from 2006 to 2016 as a voice instructor, Manager and Program Coordinator of Concordia's School of Music. Mireille was a member of Edmonton's professional choir Pro Coro Canada for many years and from 2016 to 2019, their Executive Director. In June of 2018, she was elected to the Edmonton Arts Council. Mireille continues to act as a consultant for not-for-profit organizations.

Mireille presently teaches voice privately and is a vocal pedagogue and alto vocal coach for the Edmonton Metropolitan Chorus. She works with students of all levels, from children to adults and stresses the importance of being able to read music, healthy vocal technique grounded in physiology, and ultimately the joy of communicating through song. Mireille's students are active singers in the community, and many have continued their vocal studies in classical voice and musical theatre in post-secondary institutions across Canada and the United States. As well as enjoying adjudicating, she is a member of ARMTA (Alberta Registered Music Teachers Association), NATS (National Association of Teacher of Singing) and is an Affiliate Member of the Association for Body Mapping Educators.