

ABOUT

Canadian composer and pianist **Robert James Bruce** was born and resides in Hamilton, Ontario. He is primarily self-taught in piano performance and music composition, with the exception of three years of piano instruction under Evelyn Bedford at Bedford Piano Studios.



Robert has collaborated with many respected musicians and singers, including:

- sopranos Martina Aswani, Amy Dodington, Nicole Katerberg, Janet Obermeyer
- choreographer Claire Wolanski
- actress Valérie Descheneaux
- violinists Praise Lam, Cynthia Konopka, Daniela Kufis
- cellist Rachel Pomedli
- percussionist Dave Simpson

Recordings by Robert Bruce are played on classical and ambient radio stations internationally and used extensively in film and on TV, such as:

- "Antiques Road Trip" (2011 - 2017 BBC TV series, many episodes)
- "Coast" (2011 - 2017, many episodes)
- "[Being Canadian](#)" (a 2016 National Film Board film)
- "Bridezillas" (2013 - 2016, many episodes)
- "Rogue" (2016, several episodes in the TV series)
- "Behind the Magic - The Making of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" (2015, ABC TV movie)
- "[Big Wind](#)" (a 2015 TVO documentary)
- "[Swarovski by Sedar Global](#)" (2015, commercial for crystal-embellished drapery)
- "Dancing With the Stars" (2015, one episode in the TV series)
- "The Hungover Games" (a 2014 Hollywood film)
- Honda commercial during 2012 Superbowl: "[Matthew's Day Off](#)"
- "20/20" with Barbara Walters (2012)
- "[The Babymakers](#)" (2012, a Hollywood film starring Paul Schneider and Olivia Munn; background music in the opening scene in the restaurant)

WHAT LISTENERS SAY

"This is ambient music at its best. Relaxing, comforting and almost 'visual'. This is a very surprising and pleasant recording." - Tony Bates, Highlands 100.7 FM, Victoria, Australia

"Your music is very inspirational and I found myself visualizing different scenarios depending upon the emotion I felt from the piece..." - G. T.

"What a beautiful surprise your music was! The emotions you are presenting in your pieces were almost touchable, all around me and inside me! What a beautiful feeling to lose yourself in such serene music!"

- T. V.

"I am self-employed in a very high stressed occupation. Quite few times when I would be visiting Brenda's office she would have your CD on and I asked her about it. I felt an immediate calm come over me and the music seemed to take me back to another place and time. During the course of a stressful day I put your CD on and it truly has a therapeutic and calming effect on me. The world seems like a peaceful place and troubles seem far, far away." - H. K.

PROGRAMMES / PRODUCTS

Stillness and Echoes (approx. 60 minutes): Robert's meditative solo piano performance along with original moving images of Canadian built heritage and nature is designed to encourage mindfulness, heightened awareness, and a deeper appreciation for the environment. In our fast-paced world, this programme is ideal for people who seek a time and place to feel liberated, or inspired; to surrender, to reflect, or to revel in natural serenity. [https://youtu.be/_-e-g0JqsPc]



Songs of Light and Shadow (approx. 90 minutes): Guest vocalists and occasional musicians (percussion, winds, strings) accompany Robert Bruce's whimsical piano. Specially-produced imagery, or live dance/aerial ballet can complement the neoclassical melodies and evocative lyrics – a selection from the following:

Alpha Waves	Dark Is the Night	A Little Bit of Neptune	A Woman's Secret*
Cloudlife	Emotional Fortress	Angelfest*	All of My Tomorrows
Easter Lily	Joy for Life	Before the Ashes Reseed	Everlasting Dream*
Living in a Dream*	On the Wings of Sound	Many Mansions	Parting Ways
Passion Play	Pages of a Ghost	On the Last Refrain	Song of the Dawn
Song of Inner Light	Something to Believe In	She's Sorry Now	The Candle of Love*
True Desire	Spirit of Song*	The Love in Her Eyes*	

*Available on CD: **Songs of Light and Shadow Vol. 1.**

Live Piano/Silent Film (approx. 60 minutes): This popular event presents an original Robert Bruce piano score played live to accompany the screening of one of the following silent film classics:

- "It" (1927), a light romantic comedy starring Clara Bow
- Buster Keaton favourites: "The Balloonatic" (1923) / "Sherlock Jr." (1924) / "The General" (1926) / "The Cameraman" (1928)
- Harold Lloyd's comedy "Safety Last!" (1923)
- Murnau's "Faust" (1926), the classic battle of good vs evil, suitable for Hallowe'en [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ReMR1k4zmCk>] / "Sunrise" (1927) a romantic drama starring Janet Gaynor

Neoclassical Music for Kids (CD available for purchase): Fun, short classical-style piano music composed for children from ages 3 to 10:

Magic Show	My Kite Soars	Cosmopolitan Kids	The Tidy Shopkeeper
Ready, Set, Go	Toy Box	The Juggler	Applause, Applause
Squirrel Chase	Follow the Bouncing Ball	Twinkle Toes	Flight of The Butterfly
The Flower Blooms	Meet the Cat	Hand-In-Hand	

Robert has published two books:

- *In Between the Lines - Book One* (2007) on the philosophy of music which he researched
- *In Between the Lines - Book Two* (2012) details his highly intuitive approach to writing music