

A portrait of Cathy Mitro, a woman with short brown hair, wearing a dark jacket over a dark shirt. She is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a plain, light color. A purple vertical bar is on the left side of the image.

CREATIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

Cathy Mitro

Music, 1979

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In 1980, Mitro started the Humber Community Music School (CMS), the first music education program in Canada to use jazz as a vehicle for teaching music to young children. The CMS provides a unique experience for the budding recreational musician from as young as age three up through to the highest levels of performance training. Graduates of the program have gone on to great success, receiving more than 200 gold awards at MusicFest Canada (where Mitro is now a member of the Hall of Fame) and more than \$2 million in scholarship offers from schools across North America. They have been nominated for Juno Awards, signed record deals, travelled the world and built careers as musicians and teachers.