

## **DR. ZAHARI METCHKOV, BIO**

Both a pianist and an organist, Dr. Zahari Metchkov has performed at such venues as New York's Avery Fisher Hall and Washington's Kennedy Center. He has concertized in China, Israel, Bulgaria, and the United States. Dr. Metchkov released his first CD in 2008 - a recording of works for piano and orchestra by Franz Liszt and Cesar Franck and a second recording project featuring solo works for piano and organ completed in the Spring of 2014.

Native of Sofia, Bulgaria, Dr. Metchkov holds DMA in piano performance from the Cleveland Institute of Music, Cleveland, Ohio. He is an Associate Professor of Music at Colorado State University-Pueblo, teaching applied piano. He was the 2013 recipient of the CSU-Pueblo's Outstanding Service and Transformative Leadership Award and the 2014 recipient of CHASS Outstanding Faculty of the Year. In 2018, he received the Steinway & Sons Top Teacher Award. Dr. Metchkov has also taught at the Cleveland Institute of Music as well as Youngstown State University.

Currently Dr. Metchkov is the Artistic Director of the Pueblo Keyboard Arts Festival and Piano Conversations Concert Series, Co-Directing the Southern Colorado Adventure Music Camp, Pueblo, as well as Rocky Mountain Music Alliance Concert Series, Colorado Springs.

Placing high priority over the education of young pianists in Southern Colorado, Dr. Metchkov is currently the President of the Colorado State Music Teachers Association, a chapter of the Music Teachers National Association. He is a founding member of the Southern Colorado Music Adventure Camp.

Dr. Metchkov has been enjoying an active artistic life as a soloist, chamber artist, as well as church musician. Concerto performances in 2019-2020 include the Mendelssohn Concerto for Piano, Violin, and Orchestra, the Mozart Double concerto, and Frank Martin Petite Symphonie Concertante.