



GENE RAMSBOTTOM was appointed by Richard Bonyngue as the founding principal clarinetist of the Vancouver Opera Orchestra, a post he held for twenty seasons until 1996. Mr. Ramsbottom has also held the principal clarinet chair since 1984 with the C.B.C. Radio Orchestra, Canada's internationally renowned recording national broadcast orchestra. Prior to 1984 he was the CBC Vancouver Orchestra's second clarinetist for nine years. He has been the principal clarinetist and a soloist with the Carmel Bach Festival Orchestra, California, during various summer festival seasons. He has concertized in Canada and England and the United States and is considered amongst critics to be among Canada's leading and most recorded classical clarinetists (55 CDs). He taught clarinet and chamber music at the UBC School of Music for 34 years and 39 years at Douglas College. He founded the Out For Lunch Friday noon hour concert series at the Vancouver Art Gallery in 1986 until the COVID-19 pandemic brought the series to a close after its 943rd concert in March of 2020.