



**Renée Bouthot, soprano**

Renée Bouthot is an accomplished Canadian soprano who has performed in concert, opera, and music theatre across Canada, most notably with the Canadian Opera Company, Stratford Festival, and Tapestry Music Theatre. She founded The Ginger Group, a trio of women who performed theatrical concerts specializing in Canadian music. The Ginger Group toured Canada and produced a CD entitled *Canadian Treasures*. A frequent visitor to Guanajuato, Renée has sung at the Gene Byron Museum and at the Templo de la Compañía with Guanajuato musicians. Her next Guanajuato performance will be with the well-known Canadian pianist Susan Hammond, at the Gene Byron Museum on Sunday, March 23.



**Isir Almaguer, pianist**

Renowned Cuban pianist Isir Almaguer specializes in chamber music and vocal accompaniment. She has performed in concerts, festivals, and competitions in China, France, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Russia, Spain, and the United States. Based in Mexico since 1995, she is currently a professor in the Department of Music of the University of Guanajuato and in the Conservatory of Celaya. She has collaborated as piano accompanist in master classes with cellist Yo Yo Ma in Mexico City and recently with singers Maitland Petes and Gilda Harris at the Summer Vocal Program of the Manhattan School of Music. Her next performance will be at Palacio de Bellos Artes in Mexico City on March 30.