

## **Loyda Lastra**

A graduate of the Mexico City Conservatory, Ms. Lastra studied flute with Agustin Oropeza and Gildardo Mojica. Upon her arrival in Canada, Ms. Lastra took private lessons with Cindy Shuter of McGill University. Ms. Lastra has participated in a number of master classes by well-known flute players such as Robert Aitken, Alain Marion and Julius Baker.

While in Mexico she played in a variety of groups, from Symphonic Orchestras to baroque ensembles, and worked with a number of Mexican contemporary composers among which are Mario Lavista, Manuel Enriquez, and Max Lifchitz.

Since her arrival to the Ottawa area in 1993, Ms. Lastra has played in a number of recitals and concerts. She is a member of the Opus Four flute quartet. In addition to performing, Ms. Lastra has been an active private flute teacher of the Ottawa area.

Ms. Lastra served as President of the Ottawa Flute Association from 1999 to 2001. She headed the organizing committee of the Flute Fairs of 1998, 1999 and 2001.

