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Edmonton-born Barbara Solís began her musical studies at age four and, at age six, won the silver medal for highest examination marks in the province. Shortly thereafter, she gave her first public recital. In 1963, she was accepted as a pupil by Lloyd Powell of Vancouver. In 1973, she entered the Victoria Conservatory of Music as a scholarship student and achieved her Canadian degree in performance in 1975. She entered the Real Conservatorio Superior de Música de Madrid, where she studied Spanish music for the piano for five years under Professor Rafael Solís with a grant from the British Columbia Cultural Fund. While in Spain, Ms. Solís also studied Spanish dance with Professor Albáno, who has taught many of Spain's well known dancers and is considered to be a master of the traditional method of dance.

Ms. Solís performed for Radiotelevision Española, nationally and internationally and played concerts throughout Spain. Among her performances were concerts for the Philips Recording Company and His Excellency, Mr. Georges Blouin, Ambassador of Canada. Presently Ms. Solís is attending the University of Alberta in the Bachelor of Music program.

Ms. Solís has spent several years studying the Gypsy Music of Spain as well as Arabic Music and their influences on the music of Spain. She is available for workshops and lectures on Spanish piano music and dance in addition to solo performances and lecture-recitals.

For information, contact direct.