

## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Pianist with over 25 years of experience and expertise.

- *Solo and collaborative performer.*
- *Creative teacher who can connect with all abilities, early childhood, and adult learners.*
- *Expert pedagogy with artist faculty positions at leading music institutions*

## TEACHING

### ***Karen Dalley Piano Lawrenceville, NJ***

#### ***2018 to present***

- Successful private studio with 25 plus students of all levels.
- 38-week calendar including weekly private lessons and monthly studio classes.
- Students regularly awarded highest honors for performances in regional competitions and exams including 2024 Grand Prix in Rising Talents/Music-Fest, High Honors in 2023 New Jersey Music Teachers Association (NJMTA) Spring Auditions, Royal Conservatory of Music Practical Piano Levels A through 8, and Golden Key.

### ***Part-time Piano Faculty Hoff Barthelson School of Music Scarsdale, NY***

#### ***2015 to 2018***

- Created and taught group piano courses: *“Piano for Non-Majors, Creative Keyboarding, and “Piano for Majors”*.
- Maintained studio of 15 -20 piano students.
- Coached various instrumentalists and chamber groups in preparation for recital.
- Select students received highest rankings in New York State School Music Association Auditions (NYSSMA).
- Adjudicator for NJMTA, NYSSMA, and Piano Teachers Congress (New York)

### ***Part-time Piano Faculty Mason Gross School of the Arts Community Arts New Brunswick, NJ***

#### ***2014 to 2016***

- Supervised studio of 20 -25 piano students
- Piloted ‘Buddy Lesson’ program
- Curated faculty artist performance series on campus and performed.

### ***Full-time Piano Faculty, New School for Music Study, Kingston, NJ***

#### ***2011 to 2014***

- Created group piano/musicianship curriculum and taught four biweekly classes.
- Studio of 35-40 piano students.
- Students auditioned and were accepted into Program of Excellence in Piano (PEPS)
- Performed regularly in Faculty Recital Series.
- Presented paper at National Center for Keyboard Pedagogy’s (NCKP) bi-annual Conference in 2013; published *Progressive Growth Thru the Intermediate Years, Proceedings of the National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy*)

***Independent Contractor, Montgomery Department of Arts and Recreation, Wheaton, MD***  
**2009 to 2011**

- Obtained grant to develop group piano program
- Enlarged activities to place and serve over 60 enrolled each trimester
- Edited content for course descriptions, curricula, and lesson plans for full day program

***Faculty, Extension Site Manager, Westminster Conservatory of Music, Princeton, NJ***  
**2005 to 2008**

- Developed and taught early childhood piano course: *Piano Explorations*, with a near 100% student retention rate
- Liaised with music faculty to expand group voice, piano, and guitar programs at multiple sites
- Cultivated partnerships with school administrators to expand conservatory music programs

***Piano Faculty, Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, Twin Lakes, Michigan***  
**Summer 2012**

- Daily lessons on a new piece leading to memorized performance in two weeks
- Ran daily piano lab group class – prepared ensembles and duet performances
- Taught daily theory classes to 30 plus high school music students
- Mentored student assistants; University of Michigan School of Music

***Volunteer, Washington Music Teachers National Association***  
**2009 to 2011**

- Co-chaired *Judged Recitals*
- Assisted with organizational conferences, workshops, and student events
- Served on the Executive Board

## EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; BM/Piano Performance

American University, Washington, DC; Arts Management Fellowship

## AWARDS, MEMBERSHIPS, CERTIFICATION AND COURSES

- Board Member & Conference Coordinator, New Jersey Music Teachers Association (NJMTA)
- Board Member, Bravura Youth Orchestra
- Musicgarten© *Music Makers at the Keyboard*, Level One Certification
- *Conversational Solfege: Steps to Musical Literacy* Level I Certificate
- Dalcroze Certified Teacher Training Course, Levels I and II
- New Jersey K-12 Vocal Music Teaching Certificate