Jennifer Kelly

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I AM:

A musician with more than 12 years of teaching and more than 20 years of solo and collaborative performing experience. Creative, organized, and intuitive with high standards for musicianship and responsibility.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts- Piano1990-1995Northern Illinois University (NIU)DeKalb, IL

Graduate Studies toward Master of Music Education

Northern Illinois University

Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU)

Murfreesboro, TN

1996-1998

Studies included performance, education field experience, pedagogy, technique, theory, research and private study.

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

- Music Director, "Hello, Dolly!", JCC, Skokie, IL, 2009.
- Adjudicator, Citywide Piano Contest, CPS, Chicago, IL, 2009.
- Music Director, "Mélange a Trois", Davenport's, Chicago, IL, 2008.
- Music Theater Seminar/Vocal Accompanist, Northwestern University, studio of Melissa Foster, 2008-Present
- Music Director, "Into the Woods", Actors Training Center, Wilmette Theater, , 2008
- Audition Pianist, New York Film Academy, 2008, Chicago, IL
- Accompanist, Lincoln Park High School Choirs, 2008-Present, Chicago, IL
- Accompanist, MTNA Competition, 2008, Bourbonnais, IL
- Accompanist, Solo & Ensemble Festivals, 2008-Present, IL
- Accompanist, Lincoln Hall Middle School Choirs, 2007-Present, Lincolnwood, IL
- Freelance Recording Accompanist, Chicago, IL, 2008-Present.
- Accompanist, MTSU, 1997-1998, Murfreesboro, TN
- Accompanist, Hinsdale Central High School Choirs, 1995-96, Hinsdale,
 IL. Also maintained choral library.
- Accompanist, NIU Summer Theater Arts Camps, 1995-96, DeKalb, IL
- Accompanist, Elgin Community Children's Theater, 1995-96, Elgin, IL
- Accompanist, Newman Catholic Student Center, 1992-96, DeKalb, IL
- Ceremonies, Parties, Auditions, and Recitals, 1990-Present, IL & TN

PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

Piano: Dr. Charlene Harb, MTSU (1997-98), Dr. William Koehler, NIU (1990-95), Mr. Donald Walker, NIU (1994), Ms. Carol Stubbs, DeKalb, IL (1987-90)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Private Instructor, Piano, The Musical Offering, Morton Grove Park District, Harmony Piano Studio, 1990-1998, 2000-Present, Illinois
- Volunteer Instructor, Piano, Inspired Youth Summer Tutoring Program, 2002 & 2006, Chicago, IL. Privately, 2007-Present.
- General Music & Choir Teacher, Burlington Central Middle School, 1996-97, Burlington, IL. Taught 6th grade general music classes and 7th & 8th grade choir daily.
- Private Instructor, Clarinet, 1988, Sycamore, Illinois

COLLEGIATE PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Ensembles (NIU only): University Steel Band, 1992-95, Philharmonic Orchestra, 1994, University Chorus, 1991-92.

Solo: Several recitals and master classes.

Collaborative: accompanied all major instrumental groups and voice types for lessons, juries, auditions and recitals. Rehearsed Marc Johnson of the celebrated Vermeer Quartet on the Elgar Cello Concerto.

ADDITIONAL INSTRUMENTAL EXPERIENCE

Harpsichord, celeste, saxophone, clarinet, steel pans, marimba, xylophone, marching drums.

MUSIC AWARDS

John Philips Sousa Award, 1990, Arian Award, 1990, harpsichord study scholarship, 1990-1992, several general scholarships, 1990.

References available upon request.