

JUSTIN COLWELL

pianist • teacher • music director

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Master's level pianist with experience collaborating with vocal and instrumental soloists and choral ensembles in high school, collegiate, and professional settings.
- Exceptional interpersonal, organizational, pedagogical, and leadership skills to facilitate music-making among individuals with a variety of skill levels.
- 6 years of collegiate accompanying experience.
- 3 years of collegiate group and applied piano teaching experience.

EDUCATION

2018	University of Missouri-Kansas City <i>M.M. in Piano Performance</i> Piano Studies: Robert Weirich GPA: 3.95 / 4.0	Kansas City, MO
2016	Indiana Wesleyan University <i>B.M. in Piano Performance, Honors Humanities</i> Piano Studies: Phoenix Park-Kim Conducting Studies: Jason Thompson <i>Summa cum laude</i> , John Wesley Scholar GPA: 3.97 / 4.0	Marion, IN

COLLABORATIVE PIANO EXPERIENCE

Aug. 2018–present	Choral Accompanist, <i>Jenison High School</i> – Accompany 3 high school choirs in rehearsal and performance – Lead rehearsal in director's absence and coach sectionals – Perform administrative duties for a department of 200+ students – Manage and maintain a music library of 1,000+ titles Schedule B Appointment – Accompany 2 elementary after-school choirs in rehearsal and performance	Jenison, MI
Jan. 2018–present	Freelance Collaborative Pianist – Accompany high school, collegiate, and professional performers on vocal and instrumental repertoire for lessons, recitals, juries, festivals, and competitions – Collaborated with over 50 soloists in the 2018–19 season alone, including frequent collaborations at Grand Valley State University	Grand Rapids, MI Kansas City, MO
Sep. 2012–Apr. 2016	Accompanist, <i>IWU Division of Music</i> – Accompanied students for lessons and performances Specific Appointments – Production of <i>South Pacific</i> (rehearsal pianist, assistant conductor; 2015) – MUS 366: Song Literature (class pianist; 2014) – IWU Singers (50-voice choir; 2013–2014) – Production of <i>The Secret Garden</i> (rehearsal pianist, keyboard programmer; 2013)	Marion, IN

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Aug. 2019–present Cofounder, Teacher; *Yellow Door Music Studio* Grand Rapids, MI
- Collaborate to develop vision, curriculum, business plan, and branding for this growing private piano studio
 - Assist with day-to-day operations of the studio, including recruiting, accounting, event planning, web design, and social media marketing
 - Specialize in applied piano instruction for intermediate and advanced students, pre-collegiate piano majors, and adult learners
- Jan. 2019–present Part-Time Instructor of Music Allendale, MI
Grand Valley State University
- Courses Taught
- MUS 263, 284: Keyboard Musicianship I, IV
 - Two courses in a four-semester group piano sequence for undergraduate music majors
 - MUS 300: Exploring American Music
 - Music history and literature survey course for undergraduate non-music majors focused on the American musical tradition from the colonial era to present day.
- Aug. 2016–May 2018 Graduate Teaching Assistant Kansas City, MO
UMKC Conservatory of Music and Dance
- Undergraduate Courses Taught
- CONS 108: Beginning Piano for Non-Music Majors
 - CONS 110, 123, 223, 310: Keyboard Skills I–IV
 - Four-semester group piano sequence for undergraduate music majors
 - CONS 315: Music Therapy Piano Techniques
 - Study of accompaniment techniques and song-leading skills for a therapeutic setting
 - Secondary applied piano lessons for music majors and non-majors
- Graduate Courses Taught
- Secondary applied piano lessons for music majors
- Contributions
- Digitized library of supplemental resources for Keyboard Skills courses
 - Student representative for Piano Pedagogy/GTA Supervisor search committee

SELECTED AWARDS & HONORS

- Oct. 2019 Nationally Certified Teacher of Music (NCTM) Cincinnati, OH
Music Teachers National Association
- Jan. 2018 Travel Grant, UMKC School of Graduate Studies Austin, TX
Awarded for conference presentation at
MTNA's Collegiate Piano Pedagogy Symposium
- May 2016 Winner, IMTA Hoosier Audition Indianapolis, IN
District and State Collegiate Competition
- Nov. 2013 Winner, Marion Philharmonic Orchestra Marion, IN
Concerto / Aria Competition
- Apr. 2012 Coca-Cola Scholar Atlanta, GA
Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation