

Valerie Ho

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PROFILE:

Dedicated and passionate piano teacher with a proven track record of inspiring students of all ages. With a strong foundation in both classical and contemporary piano, I am committed to fostering a love for music and helping students achieve their full potential. My teaching philosophy centers around creating a supportive and engaging learning environment that caters to individual student needs and learning styles. With a blend of technical expertise and artistic vision, I strive to contribute to the evolving landscape of music in various forms.

SKILLS:

- **Creative Composition:** Ability to compose original music pieces, with a focus on collaborating with multimedia projects such as films, animations, and games.
- **Piano Performance:** Extensive knowledge and experience in both classical and contemporary piano techniques.
- **Curriculum Development:** Skilled in designing customized lesson plans tailored to individual student needs and goals.
- **Exam Preparation:** Expertise in preparing students for Royal Conservatory of Music exams and other standardized music assessments.
- **Technology Integration:** Proficient in using digital tools and software for music education, including virtual teaching platforms and music composition software.
- **Effective Communication:** Proficient in engaging with students, parents, and colleagues, ensuring clear and constructive dialogue to support student progress.
- **Multilingual Abilities:** Fluent in Cantonese with basic skills in Mandarin, enhancing communication with a diverse student base.
- **Event Coordination:** Experienced in organizing recitals, workshops, and other musical events to showcase student achievements.
- **Team Collaboration:** Strong ability to work collaboratively with other educators, administrators, and creatives in multidisciplinary projects.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

➤ **Piano Teacher, Kollari Institute of Music**

March 2024 - present

Vaughn, ON

- Instruct students of varying ages in piano performance and theory.
- Develop personalized lesson plans to cater to individual student strengths and areas for improvement.

- **Piano Teacher, *Contemporary Conservatory of Music***
 Sep 2023 - present
 Richmond Hill, ON
 - Teach piano to students across all age groups, focusing on individualized learning plans.
 - Incorporate a variety of musical styles to broaden students' repertoires and appreciation for music.
- **Piano Teacher, *Stouffville Music Room***
 May 2022 - present
 Stouffville, ON
 - Provide piano lessons to students of all ages, fostering a love for music.
 - Tailor instruction to accommodate different learning styles and levels of experience.
 - Implement innovative teaching techniques to maintain student engagement and motivation.
 - Collaborate with other music teachers to organize joint recitals and events.
- **Piano Tutor, *Piano Studio of Joanne Au***
 May 2022 - present
 Richmond Hill, ON
 - Tutored children in piano, focusing on fundamental skills and techniques.
 - Helped students prepare for exams, providing practice strategies and performance tips.
 - Conducted assessments to monitor student progress and adjust teaching methods accordingly.
 - Created a positive and encouraging learning environment to build student confidence and enthusiasm for music.
- **Piano Tutor, *Melody Law Piano Studio***
 July 2018 - Aug 2018
 Richmond Hill/Markham, ON
 - Assist students in exam preparation and practice routines.
 - Provide one-on-one tutoring to reinforce lessons and address specific challenges.
 - Track and assess student progress, providing feedback to students and parents.
 - Help students develop effective practice habits and time management skills.

EDUCATION:

- **Sheridan College**
Graduate Certificate in Music Scoring for Screen and Stage
 - Trafalgar, ON
 - 2022-2023
- **Queen's University**
Bachelor of Music
 - Kingston, ON
 - 2018-2022

CERTIFICATIONS:

- **Royal Conservatory Music ARCT** (in-progress)
- **Royal Conservatory Music Grade 10 Piano Honours** (2021)
- **Royal Conservatory Music History and Theory: Basic** (2015)
- **Royal Conservatory Music Grade 8 Piano Honours** (2013)
- **Royal Conservatory Music Advanced Rudiments with First Class Honours** (2013)
- **Royal Conservatory Music Grade 7 Piano Honours** (2013)
- **Royal Conservatory Music Intermediate Rudiments with First Class Honours** (2012)
- **Royal Conservatory Music Grade 5 Piano with First Class Honours** (2012)
- **Royal Conservatory Music Grade 3 Piano with First Class Honours** (2009)

VOLUNTEER/EXTRACURRICULAR:

- **Camp Leader/Worship Team/Committee**, *North Toronto Chinese Baptist Church*
August 2015 - Present
Toronto, ON
- **Alto Singer**, *Queen's University Choral Ensemble*
Sept 2018 - April 2022
Kingston, ON
- **Percussionist**, *St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS*
Sept 2016 - June 2018
Richmond Hill, ON
- **Vocalist**, *St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS*
February 2016 - June 2018
Richmond Hill, ON
- **Piano Teacher**, *Royal Academy of Music and Arts*
July 2017 - August 2017
Richmond Hill, ON
- **Vocalist**, *Upper Canada Choir*
Sept 2012 - June 2014
Thornhill, ON