

## **GROUP MUSIC TEACHER BIOS**

### **Joyce Buchholz, Harmony Road, ext. 100**

Joyce has been teaching music for many years. She holds a B.S. in harp performance from Indiana University of Bloomington and an M.B.A. from Indiana Wesleyan. Not only is Joyce a highly qualified teacher, she is also a certified harp technician. Joyce is affiliated with the Folk Harp Society, American Harp Society, the World Harp Congress, and American String Teachers Association. She also plays with the Indianapolis Philharmonic Orchestra. Joyce believes that people of all ages can learn music. She also believes that music can “feed your soul like few things can.” Joyce is a classically trained musician, but she enjoys performing and teaching all styles of music including pop music and jazz.

### **Kathryn Carpenter, Harmony Road, ext. 353**

Kathryn has been teaching since the summer of 2002 where she interned with the African Children’s Choir training vocalists and teaching beginning music history and theory. She continued as a vocal student until January of 2006 and has been teaching since then. Kathryn holds a B.A. in Music Business from Anderson University with a minor in vocal performance. She also holds an M.A. in piano performance from Ball State University. While attending College, Kathryn was active in the Anderson Chorale, Symphonic Choir, University Choir, A.U. jazz band, and the BSU jazz band and combo. Kathryn served as a Graduate Assistant for Emens Auditorium while she attended Ball State University. She has played in her family band and traveled throughout central Indiana. Recently, Kathryn released her first CD “Heavenly Hymns Not Forgotten.” Kathryn teaches beginning to advanced jazz and classical piano. She also teaches beginning to intermediate voice where she is comfortable teaching opera, jazz, and Broadway styles. Kathryn believes it is important to educate and inspire students to appreciate piano and vocal styles of music through discipline and individual growth. Music is a gift that should be shared with others – not only through listening but also through learning the art. Her goal is to inspire students to practice, learn, and grow, but most importantly – to love music. Kathryn will teach students age 5 and up. She feels the most important aspect in learning music is a good student/teacher match. She has chosen to teach at Meridian Music because of the opportunity to share what she has learned with others. Kathryn has a passion for jazz and has spent hours listening to Harry Connick and Natalie Cole. As a student she had trouble finding a teacher to suit her need in this genre. It is now her mission to be able to share her love and experience with jazz music.

### **Garri George, Harmony Road, ext. 393**

Garri has been teaching piano for more than 7 years. He has also had experience teaching drums and playing trumpet and bass guitar. Garri holds a B.A. in Music Business from Anderson University and has had years of

experience performing in his family band and other rock bands. Garri is a classically trained pianist but also has experience playing rock on the drums. Garri's piano repertoire includes Liszt, Rachmoninaff, & Saint-Saens. Garri won the Concerto Aria Competition at Anderson University and has had a lot of experience in Recording Engineering. Garri believes that playing a musical instrument takes a combination of talent, acquired skill, & determination

**Rebecca Grausam, Play Piano in a Flash, ext. 345**

Dr. Rebecca Grausam, a native of Grand Rapids, Michigan, comes to Meridian Music from South Carolina where she was on faculty at Erskine College. She is currently on faculty at IUPUI and is on the Board of Directors for the Indiana State Music Teacher's Association. Dr. Grausam holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Piano Pedagogy from the University of South Carolina, a Master's Piano and Flute Performance from Western Michigan University.

**Laura Hedrick, Harmony Road**

Laura is a newcomer to Meridian Music. She has been playing the piano since age seven. Laura was a Performing Arts Major at Butler University with an emphasis in piano, voice and dance. After performing on Premier and Sea Escape Cruise Lines in Florida, she moved back to Indianapolis. Laura continued her studies at Butler University and received a Piano Pedagogy Certificate. She is now a member of Meridian Music's "Harmony Road" teaching team and is also an active vocalist and piano accompanist.

**Victoria Johnsonbaugh, Harmony Road, ext. 375**

Victoria has been teaching music for more than 9 years. She has a Master's degree in Music Education and is a wonderful teacher of classical and orchestral music. Victoria's number one goal is to help students develop an appreciation and love of music. She also believes that it is her job to nurture a student's natural talents and abilities while teaching music that the students are interested in learning. Victoria teaches students from elementary school onward.

**Dave Morgan, Intro to Guitar, ext. 365**

Dave has been teaching guitar for more than 32 years. He spent 12 years as a guitar professor at IUPUI. Dave holds a Bachelor's degree in History and English Literature. He is also affiliated with the Cross Roads Blues Society. Dave teaches a wide variety of guitar styles, including: Blues, slide guitar, ragtime, jazz, rock, country, and some classical. Dave believes it is important to teach students to teach themselves. Dave has conducted children's seminars and adult clinics and is comfortable teaching all people of any age. In addition to being a wonderful teacher, Dave is also an accomplished performer and recording artist. He has recorded albums with Slippery Noodle Sound, Waterview Records, and Fretknot Records. He spent 10 years performing on Norwegian Cruise Lines. Dave has also done 5 European Tours, 1 tour in South America, and 2 tours of Ireland, England, and Scotland. He was the opening act

at the Chicago Blues Festival in 1996. Dave was named Meridian Music Teacher of the year in 2006.

**Katie Mozack Bramsen, Intro to Singing, ext. 324**

Katie joins Meridian Music with an impressive background in vocal music. She holds Bachelor's degrees in both Vocal Music Education and Vocal Performance from Iowa State University. She has also served as Vice President of the American Choral Directors Association *Collegiate Chapter* and a member of the Iowa Choral Directors Association. Katie is a Classically-trained mezzo-soprano who is especially skilled in musical theatre, art song, and choral music. Katie has also had experience in violin, piano, and guitar. Some of her favorite roles include Martha in *The Secret Garden*, Mad Margaret in *Ruddigore*, and Mezzo soloist in many Oratorio performances. Katie has had experience teaching in both the classroom and private setting. She also works equally well with children and adults.

**Samantha Stelting, Harmony Road, ext. 395**

Samantha has been teaching at Meridian Music for about 2 years. Before coming to Meridian Music, she taught at the Indianapolis Academy of Music. She has also played with the Kokomo Symphony Orchestra. Samantha has a Bachelor's degree in Music with Departmental Honors from Butler University. Samantha has also been a Volunteer for the International Violin Competition Violin Petting Zoo and has served as Principle Violist for the Butler String Ensemble St. Petersburg Russia tour in 2005. Samantha's professionalism and talent make her a great asset to Meridian Music.

**Yoonhae Kim Swanson, Harmony Road, ext. 308**

Yoonhae is a highly qualified and diverse teacher. She holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Cello Performance from Indiana University. Yoonhae teaches cello students of all levels and is also qualified to teach violin & piano to beginning students. She is also a certified Harmony Road Instructor. Yoonhae has played with numerous Orchestras including the Carmel Symphony orchestra and the Seoul Symphony Orchestra. She has also been a featured soloist with the Indiana University Orchestra. In her free time, Yoonhae plays cello with Allair, a celtic musical group. Because of her diverse musical background and her engaging personality, Yoonhae is an excellent music instructor.

**Robert Wood, Intro to Guitar, ext. 327**

Robert has been teaching at Meridian Music for more than seven years. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music from the University of Indianapolis. Robert is confident teaching all styles of music including classical, folk, blues, & rock. In addition to his expertise with the guitar, Robert has experience singing in choir and playing the piano. He has also studied music composition. Robert's performance experience includes playing locally at weddings, clubs, and parties.

