

WMHFA
2023 Private Instructor Information

Private instructors will be teaching weekly in Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids. Look for those teaching in your location. These teachers will be taking students on a first come/first serve basis. We take great care in sifting through our teacher applicants to bring you professional quality instructors, most being trained in pedagogy. Each instructor sets their own lesson fees. Each instructor pays for room usage whether a lesson takes place or not. Please discuss lesson fees/cancellation policy with each individual teacher. The general policy is that except for sickness, emergency, or bad weather, you will be asked to pay for the lesson unless the teacher must cancel, however policies may vary between teachers. To sign up for private instruction please contact each individual teacher to set up your lesson time.

FLUTE (Grand Rapids): Mrs. Wendy Batchelder

Has taught flute & piccolo lessons for over 35 years. Member of the West Michigan Flute Orchestra since 1999, and performs on bass, alto, and contra bass flutes.

Taking beginning to advanced players. wendybatchelder97@gmail.com or 616-970-5676

CLARINET & PIANO (Grand Rapids): Mrs. Brenda Rieger

BS Music Education/Clarinet Major: Olivet Nazarene University.

Taking beginning to concert level clarinet & piano students. (616)261-3858 or email at rieger1@live.com

VOICE, PIANO & CLARINET (Grand Rapids & Kalamazoo): Mrs. Lori Beason – CHOIR DIRECTOR

BA Vocal Music: Cornerstone University

BS Music Education: Calvin College

Over 35 years of teaching experience

Taking beginners to advanced voice, clarinet, and piano. (269)694-9395 or email at lbeason@wmhfa.org

SAXOPHONE, CLARINET, FLUTE (Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo): Ms. Stephanie Ondracek

Taking beginners through advanced students. Email at steph.ondracek@gmail.com

TRUMPET, TROMBONE, BARITONE, TUBA, & PIANO (Kalamazoo & Grand Rapids):

Mrs. Wendy March – BAND DIRECTOR:

BA Music Education Secondary: Southeastern University

Post graduate studies Central Michigan University.

Taking beginning to intermediate students on brass, woodwinds, piano. (616)794-2332 or email at wmarch@wmhfa.org

HORN (Grand Rapids): Mrs. Elizabeth Tuininga

BA in Applied Music Horn from the Eastman School of Music. Over 25 years of teaching experience.

Contact: elizabethtuininga@yahoo.com or text 616-490-8150

PERCUSSION, DRUM-SET (Kalamazoo): Mr. Chase Garrett

B.A. Percussion Performance: Indiana Wesleyan University

20+ years of percussion/drum-set experience in a variety of contexts

Taking beginning through advanced players. (269) 366-0647 mrgarrettedu@gmail.com

VOICE, PIANO (Grand Rapids & Kalamazoo): Mr. Joel Snyder – CHOIR DIRECTOR

BM Church Music with Voice Principal: Bob Jones University
MM Voice Performance: Eastern Michigan University
10+ years' experience of teaching vocal lessons

Taking beginners through advanced students. Call (248)840-0202 or email jsnyder@wmhfa.org

VIOLIN, VIOLA (Grand Rapids): Mrs. Elisabeth Sooy – ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR

Beginning Orchestra Director
Intermediate Orchestra Director
Jr. Choir Director
Over 30 years experience as instructor, director and performer
Suzuki Association Certification

Taking beginners through advanced students. Call (269)793-7013 or email esooy@wmhfa.org

VIOLIN / VIOLA (Kalamazoo): Mrs. Karin Code – ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR

BM University of Illinois
MM Western Illinois University

Taking beginners through advanced string students. Call (269)323-3003 or email at kcode@wmhfa.org

CELLO (Grand Rapids): Lorene Turkalo

BM Performance Michigan State University
MM University of Memphis

Member of the Grand Rapids Symphony since 1993.

Taking Beginner through advanced cello students. Call (616)456-1671 or email turkalow@gmail.com
