

**WMHFA**  
**2024 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.

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**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](mailto:wendybatchelder97@gmail.com) or 616-970-5676

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**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](mailto:rieger1@live.com)

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**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](mailto:lbeason@wmhfa.org)

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**FLUTE, OBOE, CLARINET, and SAXOPHONE (Grand Rapids): Dr. David Yandl**

B.M., DePaul University

M.M., DePaul University

D.M.A., Michigan State University

[yandl@hope.edu](mailto:yandl@hope.edu)

(773) 787-3020

Hope College faculty (Head of Winds, Brass, and Percussion) and frequent performer with Grand Rapids Symphony

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

Taking beginners through advanced students. Email at [steph.ondracek@gmail.com](mailto:steph.ondracek@gmail.com)

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

**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](mailto:wmarch@wmhfa.org)

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**PERCUSSION, DRUM-SET, ACOUSTIC GUITAR (Grand Rapids & 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](mailto:mrgarrettedu@gmail.com)

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**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](mailto:jsnyder@wmhfa.org)

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**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](mailto:esooy@wmhfa.org)

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**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](mailto:kcode@wmhfa.org)

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**VIOLIN, VIOLA, CELLO, DOUBLE BASS, PIANO (Grand Rapids): Mrs. Lisa Whitters**

BM in violin performance and music ed at The Crane School of Music, SUNY Potsdam, NY  
Graduate studies in Violin Performance at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, OH  
35 years as a teacher and performer  
20 years as a music arranger (use for teaching and performing)

Taking beginner through advanced violin, viola, and piano students and beginner to intermediate cello and bass students, lessons include music theory studies.

Call 616-309-3972 or email [whittersfamily@gmail.com](mailto:whittersfamily@gmail.com)

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**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](mailto:turkalow@gmail.com)