



Meridian Music's studios are filled with the finest teachers in the Indianapolis area. We have a diverse and highly qualified group of teachers who are capable of teaching students of all ages! Teachers are available Monday-Saturday. Lessons are scheduled at your convenience!

## **PIANO**

**Mary Ellen Alig, piano, ext. 334**

**Days at Meridian Music: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday**

Mary Ellen came to Meridian Music with a wealth of knowledge about music education. She has taught private lessons for more than 35 years and has taught in the classroom for more than 20 years. Mary Ellen holds a B.S. and M.M. in Music Education. She also holds an Ed. Doctorate in Higher Education with a cognate in Music Education. While Mary Ellen specializes in piano, she has experience with other instruments as well, including wind instruments, guitar, and percussion. Mary Ellen enjoys all types of music but especially the classics. She believes that studying classical music leads to greater enjoyment and interpretation of popular music. As a teacher, Mary Ellen believes that it is important to teach music to people of all ages. She believes it is a great way for people to keep their minds sharp.

**Rebecca Baker, piano & flute, ext. 345**

**Days at Meridian Music: Wednesday & Thursday**

Dr. Rebecca Baker, 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. Baker holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Piano Pedagogy from the University of South Carolina and Master's degrees in Piano and Flute Performance from Western Michigan University.

**Cathy Bloemker, piano & voice, ext. 113**

**Days at Meridian Music: Monday**

Cathy Bloemker has been teaching music for over 30 years. She is a member and an officer in the Indiana Piano Teachers Association. She is also certified to teach the Harmony Road Music Course. Her college major was voice and education. Cathy's background is surrounded by music. She has taught piano, clarinet, guitar and voice lessons for many years. She has been very active in church work as an adult, teen and children's choir director, worship leader and choreographer. She has directed and produced many musical productions. Cathy enjoys teaching students of all ages. She currently has students starting at 5 and going all the way to 90 years old. She also has taught pre-school and home schooled her own children for several years. She has a passion for

teaching and working with children. Cathy joined Meridian Music in 1998 working in piano sales. She has earned several awards with Meridian Music such as the President's Distinguished Service Award and the Charles E. Boehm Award. And in 2009 has also joined the teaching staff at Meridian Music teaching piano, voice and Harmony Road Music Course.

**Seth Bowling, piano and voice, ext. 389**

**Days at Meridian Music: Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday**

Seth Bowling is a pianist/instructor/vocalist who is happy to be returning home to Indiana after his time as a student, performer, and instructor in [Kansas City, Missouri](#) and Warrensburg, Missouri. He will soon be finishing a double degree in piano performance and piano pedagogy with a vocal emphasis. Seth has attained a number of accolades including first runner up in the Missouri Music Teacher's Association Upper Collegiate Piano Division and Most Achieved Sophomore Music Major at the University of Central Missouri. He has served as a Peer Councilor to the Indiana University Piano Academy as well as the Piano Representative on the Student Advisory Board for the University of Central Missouri Music Department. He has served as President and Vice President on the Music Teacher's National Association Student Chapter at the University of Central Missouri and has traveled to Music Teacher's National Association Conventions in [Austin, Texas](#) and Toronto, Canada as well as performed at Steinway Hall in New York City, New York. Seth has founded the Sgretsey Piano Trio and the Perfect Fourths Barbershop Quartet and has starred in several productions as well as performed many concerts all over Missouri. Seth has taught lessons privately since 2002 and has also taught through the University of Central Missouri's Community Music Program. Seth wishes to instill the same passion he holds for many styles and genres of music into his students as well as provide them with a well-developed knowledge of piano or voice technique.

**Jennifer Campbell, piano & violin, ext. 325**

**Days at Meridian Music: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday**

Jennifer has been teaching piano and violin for more than 20 years. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Music from Ball State University and continues her piano study with renowned teacher Gerda Fisher-Kley. She is also an active member of the IPTG. Jennifer focuses her teaching on the importance of technique, fingering skills, and rhythmic accuracy through teaching classical music. She also feels it is important to allow her students to explore other types of music including pop and jazz. Jennifer strives to adjust to the personality of each student and can teach students from age 3 to adult. Recently Jennifer has returned to school to become a certified elementary school teacher. Jennifer was named Meridian Music Teacher of the Year in 2002.

**Kathryn Carpenter, piano & voice, ext. 353**

**Days at Meridian Music: Wednesday**

Kathryn finds it a privilege to teach music and share this love of music with others! She enjoys teaching a variety of ages, as well as many styles of music,

including traditional music, jazz, classical, and gospel music. Kathryn attended Anderson University (B.A. music business) and studied classical piano and voice. In addition, she went to Ball State University (M.A. in music 2005) and studied jazz piano. Kathryn grew up in a musical family, the Garri George family, which has performed in churches in central Indiana (1989 - 2005) and (2009-present). The family has a small studio; Kathryn currently spends time recording and has recorded, "Heavenly Hymns Not Forgotten," in addition to other recordings.

**Paulo Castro, piano & voice, ext. 396**

**Days at Meridian Music: Tuesday, Friday, & Saturday**

Paulo comes to Meridian Music with a strong background in piano and in vocal music. He holds a Bachelor's degree in piano by UNESP (State University of São Paulo, Brazil) in 2003, he was specialized in chamber music and accompanying, which yielded participation in several Festivals in Brazil and abroad, playing recitals mainly on piano and voice. After finishing his undergraduate program, Paulo took voice and conducting classes, and participated in Musical Theater and Opera productions in Brazil. As accompanist, Paulo has worked with various children's and adult choirs. In 2008, Paulo had the opportunity to work with Maestro Henry Leck, as an accompanist. He has also worked as a conductor for several choirs such as Youth and Mixed Choirs of Presbyterian Church of Sao Paulo, Gospel Youth Choir of Santo Andre, Children's Choir Zachí Narchi, SP and others. Since February 2009, he has been a member of the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir and has been a baritone section leader in Northminster Presbyterian Church's Chancel Choir. He is currently in the graduate Choral Conducting Program at Butler University.

**Garri George, piano, ext. 393**

**Days at Meridian Music: Monday, Tuesday, Friday, & Saturday**

Garri has taught piano at Meridian Music since 2006. 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 is currently pursuing his Master's degree in Music from Ball State University. Garri has years of experience playing in his family's band and in other rock bands. Garri is a classically trained pianist but has experience with other genres of music. Garri's piano repertoire includes Liszt, Rachmaninoff, and 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, and determination.

**Sayuri Guelce, piano & saxophone ext. 340**

**Days at Meridian Music: Monday & Thursday**

A native of Gunma, Japan, Sayuri started studying piano at age of 6, and Saxophone at age of 13. She came to the United States in 1998 to study music at Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio. She graduated with a Bachelor of Music in Performance in 2002. During her undergraduate study, she became interested

in piano pedagogy and started teaching as part of preparatory division as a student teacher. She entered Butler University in 2003 to pursue her graduate study in piano pedagogy. She served as the keyboard skills graduate assistant for two years during her study and taught the keyboard classes for freshman and sophomore classes. She is trained in both private and group teaching. She has taught private and group lessons with Indianapolis Piano Academy, Butler Community Arts School and Butler piano summer camp, Midwest of school of music, Meridian Music and Ji-Eun Lee music academy. Sayuri is currently president of the Indianapolis Piano Teachers Associations.

**Melanie Harris, piano & voice, ext. 324**

**Days at Meridian Music: Saturday**

Melanie Harris has taught music for many years. She has taught music in both the public school system and in a private setting. Melanie holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Butler University where she has also taken some graduate courses in Music Education. In addition, she has a Piano Pedagogy Certificate from Indiana State University. Professional organizations include Indiana Music Teachers Association, National Federation of Music Clubs, Indiana Piano Teachers Guild, and the American College of Musicians. Melanie has also continued to be active as a church musician. She enjoys teaching students of all ages and abilities.

**Olena Ivanova, piano, ext. 344**

**Days at Meridian Music: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, & Saturday**

Olena has been teaching for more than 12 years and has taught at Meridian Music since 2005. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Theory and History of Music and a Master's degree in Musicology from Lviv State Academy of Music in Ukraine. Olena teaches classical music to piano students of all ages and skill levels. Olena doesn't just teach "note reading." She believes it is important for her students to feel the music. Olena was named Meridian Music Teacher of the Year in 2006.

**Ji-Young Jeoung, piano, ext. 308**

**Days at Meridian Music: Thursday & Saturday**

Ji-Young Jeoung, was born in Gwangju, South Korea. Dr. Jeoung, a Pi Kappa Lambda Scholar, completed a Doctoral degree and Master's degree in piano performance from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana studying with Dr. Robert Palmer. Her doctoral dissertation was an analysis of the solo keyboard works of the distinguished American composer Joan Tower. She also completed a Master's degree in piano performance at Ewha Womens' University in Seoul, South Korea. Ji-Young was voted as Outstanding Graduate Student in 2003-2004 by music faculties at Ball State University. Also, she was the second prize winner at Indianapolis Matinee Musicale Competition in 2004. She was voted first place in the People's Choice competition among those who appeared Northeast Indiana's National Public Radio program "Meet the Music" in 2010. Dr. Jeoung was invited to have her debut performance in Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall

as a first prize winner at American Protégé International Piano Competition in 2011. Most recently, she is chosen as a performer in the Teacher's Program of the Piano Texas International Academy and Festival in 2011. Ji-Young is an active presenter at conferences throughout the College Music Society. This July, she had a piano lecture recital in College Music Society International Conference in Seoul, Korea. Also, she has performed concerts in locations across the world, including the United States, Korea, Singapore, and Malaysia. Ji-Young is currently on the keyboard faculty at Manchester College in Indiana. She was interim director of piano studies at Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana during the 2007- 2008 school year. She taught group piano at Anderson University during the fall semester, 2005.

**Bill Kinz, piano, ext. 319**

**Days at Meridian Music: Tuesday-Saturday**

Bill is one of the original Meridian Music teachers. Bill began teaching piano as a young man, and he has continued with much success for many years. Bill has studied with renowned teacher Gerda Fischer-Kley. He was chosen by Gerda to teach at Meridian Music. Bill teaches students of all ages and skill levels and shows a high level of commitment to both his students and to Meridian Music.

**Cindy Neil, piano, ext. 314**

**Days at Meridian Music: Thursday**

Cindy has been teaching piano at Meridian Music since 2003. She holds an Associates degree in the Arts from Mt. Vernon Nazarene University. Since her time at Meridian Music, Cindy has built a studio of dedicated students. Her gentle approach makes her a good teacher for both young children and adults.

**Barb Peters, piano, ext. 322**

**Days at Meridian Music: Monday-Wednesday**

Barb has been teaching at Meridian Music since 1991. She has studied Classical Organ and Piano at Indiana University. She can teach all styles of music including jazz. She also specializes in teaching adult students. Barb has won a lifetime achievement award from Meridian Music for her dedication to Meridian Music and her students.

**Marty Preston, piano, ext. 337**

**Days at Meridian Music: Monday & Saturday**

Marty has been teaching piano since 1985. She holds a Master's degree in Music from Butler University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Butler. Marty continues to work as a pianist and organist for worship services, weddings, and other events. In addition to her classical piano studies, Marty has also studied jazz piano at Butler University. Marty is a hardworking teacher with an excellent academic background. She looks forward to sharing her knowledge with students at Meridian Music.

**Judy Richards, piano, ext. 381**

**Days at Meridian Music: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday**

Judy has been teaching piano for more than 30 years. She is a member of the Indiana Piano Teacher's Guild, the Indiana Piano Teacher's Association, the Indiana Federation of Music, and Matinee Musicale where she serves on the board as Secretary. She is also an active pianist performing for weddings, funerals, church services and special events. She holds a Bachelor's degree in music from Northwestern University and a Master's degree in piano performance from Butler University. Judy's strength is in classical music, but she does teach popular pieces and duets as well. Judy believes it is important to understand each student's unique personality and assign pieces that are a good "match" for the student's personality and aptitude. Judy is skilled at teaching beginning to advanced students. Judy encourages recital participation and expects students to be prepared and have music memorized.

**Caryn Smith, piano & guitar, ext. 387**

**Days at Meridian Music: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Saturday**

Caryn has been playing the piano since she was five years old and has taught for many years. She has studied piano with renowned teacher Gerda Fisher-Kley and took private piano with Martin Marks at Butler University. Caryn also has experience playing the guitar and the clarinet. She has played clarinet with the Indianapolis Municipal Band for several years. In addition to her piano skills, Caryn also has experience working with special needs children. Caryn has taught at Meridian Music since 2006.

**GUITAR**

**Ryan Brown, guitar, ext. 330**

**Days at Meridian Music: Monday-Thursday**

Ryan has been teaching at Meridian Music since 2002. As a former student at Meridian Music, Ryan is devoted to providing the same quality instruction he once received. Ryan has a B.A. in Telecommunications from Ball State University and has seriously studied guitar for many years. His other musical experiences included 10 years of choral singing. Ryan's expertise is in rock, blues, and classical guitar. He is also confident teaching folk, country, and jazz. As a teacher, Ryan emphasizes theory, sight-reading, and song construction. Ryan also encourages personal musical development in each student. He was named Meridian Music Teacher of the Year in 2008.

**Steve Fulnecky, guitar, bass guitar, & flute, ext. 317**

**Days at Meridian Music: Monday & Wednesday**

Steve has been teaching for more than 40 years. He holds a B.A. from Berkley for guitar and arranging. He has also attended the University of Colorado and Sierra Nevada College, where he has studied with some of the top guitarists in the world. In addition to his outstanding education, Steve has performed

professionally since 1968. Steve has also been affiliated with musicians unions, the ASTA and GFA. Steve started out as a rock guitarist, but became very skilled in jazz and classical music after attending Berkley. Steve enjoys teaching classical, jazz, rock, and blue guitar as well as arranging and composition. Steve believes that music is it's own language. He believes that music can be fun, but one should study seriously in order to understand it fully.

**Jim Kimsey, guitar & piano, ext. 386**

**Days at Meridian Music: Wednesday**

Jim has been teaching music for a large portion of his life and has taught at Meridian Music since 2006. He is also an experienced performer, composer and recording artist. He holds a B.A. in Telecommunications from Indiana University and is working on his Master's degree in Music Technology at IUPUI. When Jim is not teaching, he is an active performer on the local jazz scene.

**Phil Lashley, guitar & bass guitar, ext. 310**

**Days at Meridian Music: Monday-Friday**

Phil has been teaching guitar since 1990. He has a B.M. in guitar performance from Ball State University. He has also taken Master's courses at Indiana University in guitar performance. He enjoys teaching various styles of music, including classical, rock, blues, country, and a little jazz. He is very skilled in helping students find their own musical style. Phil was named Meridian Music Teacher of the Year in 2001.

**Scott Manning, guitar, ext. 320**

**Days at Meridian Music: Monday & Tuesday**

Scott has been teaching at Meridian Music since 2003. Scott has been playing and teaching guitar for many years. He has also studied music theory at the collegiate level. Scott is confident teaching many types of music and can teach students of all skill levels. Scott's easygoing personality and knowledge of music make him a great asset to Meridian Music.

**Dave Morgan, guitar, ext. 365**

**Days at Meridian Music: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday**

Dave has been teaching guitar for more than 33 years and has taught at Meridian Music since 2005. 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 confident teaching 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. He was one of two teachers named Meridian Music Teacher of the Year in 2006.

**Andy Nathan, guitar & bass guitar, ext. 303**

**Days at Meridian Music: Tuesday**

Andy Nathan has been teaching guitar and bass guitar for 23 years. He holds a Masters degree in Composition from Mills College, Post-graduate work at the Royal Conservatory of Music, The Hague, The Netherlands, and a Bachelors degree in Music History/Theory from the University of Washington. His teaching areas include rock, pop, fingerstyle, classical, alternative, hard rock/metal, jazz big band and combo, blues, country blues, funk, theory, songwriting, film scoring, home recording, music literacy, musicianship and improvisation. He has helped students audition successfully for amateur and professional bands, school jazz ensembles, college music programs, Junior Bach Festival, as well as Disney and Warner Brothers television. He is featured on the first two discs by The Los Angeles Electric 8, an electric guitar octet, and has toured with blues guitarist Joe Louis Walker, opening for John Mayer at the Telluride Blues festival. Andy enjoys helping all levels of students achieve their musical goals on the guitar and bass guitar.

**Jackie Schrader, guitar, ext. 332**

**Days at Meridian Music: Thursday**

Jackie has been teaching for more than 30 years, and she has been at Meridian Music since 1996. Jackie took private guitar and voice lessons from 1974 to 1995. Jackie is an excellent musician and specializes in classical guitar, finger picking, vocal accompaniments, and church music. Jackie believes it is important to teach music reading along with chord structure, but she ultimately wants lessons to be fun goal oriented.

**Jon Strahl, guitar, ext. 133**

**Days at Meridian Music: Tuesday & Saturday**

Jon has been teaching at Meridian Music since 2006. He has played guitar for many years and has studied classical guitar at I.U. He performs also performs locally with his band on a regular basis. Jon is confident teaching all styles of music, and is an excellent teacher for both young children and adults.

**Robert Wood, guitar, bass guitar, mandolin, & banjo, ext. 327**

**Days at Meridian Music: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday**

Robert has been teaching at Meridian Music since 2002. 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, and rock. In addition to his expertise on 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.

## **VIOLIN & VIOLA**

### **Julie Hampton Scull, viola & violin, ext. 351**

#### **Days at Meridian Music: Monday & Saturday**

Julie has been a teacher at Meridian Music since 2001. She holds a BM & MM in viola performance from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. Julie has that music in both a classroom and a private setting. She is also certified to teach Toddler Tunes and Music in me courses, which are part of the Harmony Road curriculum. Julie is also an accomplished performer. Her performance experience ranges from playing in chamber ensembles to playing as the Principal violist with the CCM Philharmonic Orchestra. Julie continues to maintain a wonderful studio of dedicated violin & viola students. Julie was named Meridian Music Teacher of the Year in 2005.

### **Rachel Krieg, violin, viola, & beginning piano, ext. 304**

#### **Days at Meridian Music: Thursday-Saturday**

Rachel Krieg holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Violin Performance from Valparaiso University. She was selected as a 2007 recipient of the Music Teachers National Association's Student Achievement Recognition Award for excellence in teaching and leadership abilities.

Rachel was a winner of the Valparaiso University Concerto Competition in 2006, and also performed solo with the Whiting Park Festival Orchestra in 1999. In the past, she has held the position of church pianist at St. John's United Church of Christ in Chesterton, Indiana, and has worked as a freelance accompanist. She also adjudicates youth string competitions in the greater Chicago area. Rachel takes great pride in her students, who regularly perform in her studio recitals. She emphasizes the study of music theory and ear training in lessons, in order to encourage artistic and thoughtful music study.

### **Samantha Stelting, viola & violin, ext. 395**

#### **Days at Meridian Music: Monday-Friday**

Samantha has been teaching at Meridian Music since 2006. Before coming to Meridian Music, she taught at the Indianapolis Academy of Music. Recently Samantha has become a certified Harmony Road teacher. She has also played with the Kokomo Symphony Orchestra. Samantha has a Bachelor's degree in music with departmental honors from Butler University and has recently become a certified Suzuki instructor. 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.

## **VOICE**

### **Hillary Blake, voice, ext. 105**

#### **Days at Meridian Music: Monday-Friday**

Hillary began teaching at Meridian Music in 2001. In 2005 Hillary began directing the Music Education program. Since that time, Hillary has also maintained an active voice studio. Hillary holds a B.S. in Music with a concentration in voice from Manchester College. Hillary enjoys teaching and performing all styles of music including classical, musical theatre, pop, and jazz. She has played various roles in musical theatre productions including “Katherine/Lilli Vanessi” in Kiss Me Kate and “a wife” in The King & I. Hillary has also performed as a soloist with the Manchester Symphony Orchestra and enjoys performing recitals. Hillary has also directed children’s choirs at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis and at Culver Summer Camps in Culver, Indiana. Hillary enjoys teaching students of all ages!

**Todd Doering, voice & piano, ext. 370**

**Days at Meridian Music: Monday-Saturday**

Countertenor Todd Doering holds a M.M. in Vocal Performance from Bowling Green State University and a B.S. in Music from the University of Indianapolis. He has served as Alto section leader in several church choirs including The First Presbyterian Church in Bowling Green, OH and All Saints Episcopal Church in Indianapolis, IN. Todd has performed has had experience performing Opera and Oratorio works. Some roles include Camacho in Don Quixote and Orfeo in Orfeo ed Euridice. Todd is eager to begin sharing his knowledge of vocal and piano with Meridian Music students.

**Dana Goot, voice, ext. 338**

**Days at Meridian Music: Monday-Thursday (early daytime)**

Dana feels music has endless learning possibilities and she continues studying private classical voice, as a mezzo-soprano after nearly six years. She believes that music education at any level is fundamental and that it enriches the quality and enjoyment of life. From infancy to adulthood, people naturally love to sing and voice lessons are a valuable tool to help gain the skills and confidence needed to take pleasure in “singing your heart out,” whether as an amateur or a professional. Dana is a member of Harmonie Opera and the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir. She sings with the Jerry Milman Band, a jazz combo, and studies jazz regularly, having just completed the Butler Adult Big Band Clinic, headed by Mark Buselli, co-director of the Buselli-Wallarab Orchestra. She produced and performed in the Jewish American Songbook series in 2009 for Hadassah, a non-profit women's organization. She recently returned from Israel where she performed solo concerts with music from classical to jazz, in English, Italian, French, German, and Hebrew. Dana has a Bachelor of General Studies in Arts and Humanities with a minor in music from Indiana University. She specializes in teaching beginning voice and piano to all ages.

**Tammany Harding, voice & piano, ext. 394**

**Days at Meridian Music: Tuesday-Thursday & Saturday**

Tammany Harding has been teaching voice at Meridian Music since 2006. Tammany has had experience working with children in various environments, but

she especially enjoys working with young musicians. She holds a Bachelor of Music Education for the University of Maine and a Master of Music in Voice Performance from Butler University. While at Butler, Tammany taught private lessons for the Butler Community Arts School. In addition to teaching, Tammany enjoys performing. While at the University of Maine, she performed with the University Singers, Athena Consort, the Oratorio Society, and the U. Maine Opera Workshop. She has also performed with the Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Hancock County, Penobscot Theatre Company, Maine Shakespeare Festival, and Bangor Community Theatre. During her tenure at Butler, Tammany performed with Butler Lyric Theatre and the JCFA Composers' Orchestra, including premier performances of works written specifically for her. She also sang in JCFA's collaborative production of Philip Glass's *The Photographer*. Tammany was the soprano section leader at Zion Evangelical United Church of Christ in Indianapolis from 2004-2008. Currently, she is the director of the Celebration Choir (grades K-2\_ and the soprano section leader at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Broad Ripple. In addition to teaching voice, Tammany teaches piano. She specializes in teaching the young beginner.

**Steve Petry, voice, piano, & brass, ext. 316**

**Days at Meridian Music: Monday-Friday**

Steve has taught at Meridian Music since 1990. In 2007 Steve was named Meridian Music Teacher of the Year. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from The University of Indianapolis. He has also taken courses at the Master's level from Indiana University and Butler University. He has studied with I.S.O. musicians and top-notch University professors. Steve enjoys all music, but especially loves classical, musical theater, and film music. Steve sees himself as an "encourager" and believes that music should be taught as a discipline but should be enjoyable at the same time. Steve plays with the Covenant Symphony Orchestra of East 91<sup>st</sup> Street Christian Church and has sung with the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir. Steve has enjoyed working at Meridian Music because of the positive environment for teachers and students.

**Danielle Steele, voice, ext. 391**

**Days at Meridian Music: Tuesday**

Danielle Steele, a resident of Indianapolis and alumna of Butler University, makes her living in the classical arts. After attending Cincinnati Conservatory for her Master's degree, Ms. Steele has performed on opera stages in Italy, with Des Moines Metro Opera, Sugar Creek Symphony and Song, and also locally with Indianapolis Opera. Ms. Steele also has an active teaching career. While serving on faculty with IU Kokomo, she taught choir and jazz history classes. As voice teacher with studios in Broad Ripple and Carmel, she specializes in classical vocal technique. Currently, she is serving as the Interim Director of Education with Indianapolis Opera and getting a taste of the administrative side of things! Ms. Steele also has her own performance ensemble, The Steele Project, whose mission is to show people

that opera is for everybody by bringing the classical arts to communities throughout Central Indiana with fun, accessible, and affordable shows. If you'd like to know more, visit <http://www.thesteelproject.webs.com/>.

**Amy Thornburg, voice & piano, ext. 323**

**Days at Meridian Music: Monday - Friday**

Amy Thorn is a graduate of Ball State University with a BS in Music Education and Voice. Her undeniable talent and her melodic Soprano voice earned her an opportunity to tour Internationally with the program Up With People. Amy has also performed with Contagious Entertainment in Atlanta, GA, as an interactive entertainer singing and dancing, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and has traveled the country performing in nightclubs, talent conventions and other venues for special events. She has recorded with numerous renowned producers around Atlanta, New York, and Los Angeles and Sweden. In 2005 Amy released her first original song "Mable's Christmas." The song was played on five different continents and was in the top ten NCM European chart. Soon after she released her first solo album, *Night Cap*, a contemporary twist of hot jazz standards. She is currently working on her second album. Not only is Amy a talented performer but also a highly respected singing/acting coach. She has coached several actors and singers who have performed on stage, Broadway, television and film. Her perfect eye for talent and precise ear for music has landed her several key positions in the industry. John Robert Powers, PR Director/Recruiter, AMTC Direct Coordinator, Singing/Acting Coach at the Actor's Scene, ITS Acting/Singing Coach where Amy traveled around the country every weekend teaching. She has also coached for several agencies including John Robert Powers, Applause Models and Talent, Believe Models and Talent, Marion Webb Modeling Agency, Carolina Talent, AGI Performing Arts School, The Red Chair School, Kids Music N Motion, Rage Models and Talent, Talent Fusion, and Epiphany Modeling Agency.

**Jane West, voice & piano, ext. 373**

**Days at Meridian Music: Monday-Wednesday & Friday**

Jane West is joining Meridian Music with over 30 years performing and 25 years teaching experience. She has Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Vocal Performance from Butler University and has performed in Opera, Oratorio and Musical Theater throughout the State of Indiana and the Baltic Countries with the Indianapolis Opera Company, the Indiana Opera Theater, Indianapolis Civic Theater, Anderson Summer Music Festival and the Christian Theological Seminary Theater to name a few. However, she found her true passion 25 years ago when she was tapped to teach private voice and piano lessons in the IPS Performing Arts Magnet. Since then she has taught those subjects plus Music Theory and Piano Keyboard Class in grades 5 through 12 and also served on the Music Faculty at now, Marian University. Jane especially enjoys helping students (of all ages) find their dramatic center enabling them to become the performers they dream they can be. Her teaching philosophy is twofold: A) Music is a language. In order to speak it, one must be able to read it! B) Music

(to many) is life, itself. The student of music must be allowed to have fun with learning. Students should be encouraged, challenged, and above all nurtured in this magnificent relationship with music!

**Krista Wright, voice & piano, ext. 326**

**Days at Meridian Music: Monday-Thursday**

Krista Wright has Bachelor's and Master's degrees in voice from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville where she was the recipient of the prestigious Grace Moore Scholarship. As a performer she has made successful forays into all vocal genre from opera and musical theater to cabaret and jingles and continues to be an active soloist as well as a sought after accompanist. For several years she worked at Lyric Opera of Chicago as coordinator of supernumeraries and production stage manager for LOC's apprentice program. Most recently Mrs. Wright served on the faculty of Butler University as founding Music Director for the Lyric Theater performance degree program. Throughout, she has maintained an active private studio in voice and piano and is pleased to make Meridian Music her current teaching home.

**BRASS & WOODWINDS**

**Ryan Caldwell, bassoon & oboe, ext. 328**

**Days at Meridian Music: Thursdays**

Ryan has taught bassoon and oboe since 1998, both privately and in group contexts. He holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Illinois Wesleyan University in music composition and performance (major in bassoon, minor in oboe) and a Master of Music degree from Indiana University in bassoon performance. He has been second bassoonist with the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic since 2005 and principal bassoonist with the Carmel Symphony Orchestra since 2007.

**Joe Faith, clarinet, saxophone, flute, voice, & piano ext. 341**

**Days at Meridian Music: Monday-Wednesday**

Joe comes to Meridian Music with a diverse background in Music. Joe has a Bachelor's degree in clarinet performance from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, OK and a Master's degree in clarinet performance from Indiana State University. Not only is Joe an accomplished clarinet soloist, he is also a gifted tenor. He has experience teaching students of all ages and has been a woodwind instructor at Vincennes University. He is also an experienced church musician having served as Minister of Music at various churches. Joe also plays several instruments, including Celtic harp, recorder, trumpet, French horn, and cello.

**Victoria Johnsonbaugh, trumpet & brass, ext. 375**

**Days at Meridian Music: Monday-Wednesday & Saturday**

Victoria has been teaching music for more than 10 years. She has a Master's degree in Music Education and is a wonderful teacher of classical and orchestral Music. Victoria recently became a certified Harmony Road instructor. Her 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.

**Katherine Peters, clarinet, saxophone, & piano ext. 372**

**Days at Meridian Music: Monday, Thursday, & Saturday**

Katherine comes to Meridian Music with a wealth of experience as a teacher and musician. Katherine has a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from the University of South Florida. She has experience teaching both privately and in the classroom. Katherine has been affiliated with the following organizations: International Clarinet Association, Florida Music Educator's Association, Music Educators' National Conference, National Dan's List, and Golden Key Honor Society. Katherine also has experience as a pianist, composer, and arranger.

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**Joyce Buchholz, harp, & piano, ext. 100**

**Days at Meridian Music: Tuesday & Saturday**

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. In addition to teaching piano and harp, Joyce is also a certified Harmony Road instructor. Not only is she a highly qualified teacher, but 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.

**Erzsébet Gaál Rinné, harp, piano, & flute, ext. 321**

**Days at Meridian Music: Friday & Saturday**

Dr. Erzsébet Gaál Rinné is a Hungarian-American harpist, a Kodály pedagogue, and a researcher in physical wellness for musicians. She has given concerts all across Europe and America. She is a recipient of the *Pro Artibus Award* that she has received from the Artisjus Foundation for promoting Hungarian contemporary music abroad. Dr. Rinné has received numerous invitations to share her expertise, for example, at the fifth and eighth World Harp Congresses in Copenhagen, Denmark and in Geneva, Switzerland; The American String Teacher Association National Conferences in Columbus, OH, Dallas, TX, and in Kansas City, MO; Third International Conference on Arts and Humanities in Honolulu, Hawaii; The Phenomenon of Singing International Symposium V, in Newfoundland, Canada; and the Seventeenth International Kodály Symposium in Leicester, England. Her professional work can be heard on her solo harp CD recording *Harpa Hungarica*, and seen on her DVD program *Harp Playing for Life*. Dr. Rinné is an honor graduate of the Ferenc Liszt Academy of Music, Budapest,

Hungary, holding a Doctor of Music degree from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. She is a member of the faculty at the University of Evansville, Evansville, IN and Meridian Music, Carmel, IN.