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Violin Faculty

Piano Faculty

A member of the faculty since 2012



Violin & Piano

Mrs. Swanson has been on the faculty since 2012 and is a member of the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra.

Education: Northern Illinois University: B.F.A. ceramics emphasis, B.S. Ed, art education, Type 10 teaching certification - Art, grades K-12.

Ages: Teaches students who are six years of age through adult.

Work History: Libertyville High School, art educator. Maine Township High School, art educator. A.A.U.W. Nursery School. Private Music instructor - piano, violin.

Books: Piano: Beginner: John Thompson Earliest Beginner, level 1 +, Finger Power earliest level, then each level as appropriate. Adult beginner: Alfred Adult Piano Method, level one, then each level as appropriate.

Violin: Beginner: Sassmannshaus Early Start on the Violin, level 1, then 2,3,4 as appropriate. Intermediate students: Suzuki, Wolfhart Etudes & Studies, Hrmaly Scales.

Teaching Philosophy: The visual and performing arts have been an essential part of the human experience since the most ancient human history. The intrinsic need to express one's self through art, music, dance and story-telling/theatre transports the creator and the viewer to another realm of existence. Modern neuroscience shows alpha state activity and neuron pathway development between hemispheres of the brain when the creative process is underway, or when a musical instrument is being studied. This in turn helps people cope with stress and learn other skills more proficiently than those who have not studied music or participated in the visual/performing arts. My goal is to engage the student in the artistic heritage of the teacher-pupil relationship, and facilitate their understanding, technical ability and self-expression through the medium of the piano and violin.

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