

Centre Street Music Academy Teachers

Drum Teachers

Colin Fritzke



Colin has been playing drums for over 31 years and is excited to be joining the CSMA for 2018! He got his start in his school band program playing in Symphony Orchestra, Marching Band, Big Band Jazz and Jazz Ensemble. While in high school, Colin won a scholarship to study with drummer Scott Prebys of the University of Mary. In college, Colin studied in masterclasses with several contemporary worship artists including Steve Bell. Colin's drum teaching career also began while in college where he worked with several drum students in his local church, and even ran clinics about the unique requirements of a church drummer. After moving to Calgary in 2001, Colin became a regular drummer in Centre Street Church's Worship & Arts program. He also volunteers as a

drum technician, maintaining the drum sets at CSC. Colin plays drums professionally and he has worked in a variety of musical situations. His first love, however, is playing drums for the glory and worship of God. As a continuous student of the drums himself, Colin devotes much of his spare time studying the best drummers in the world.

Steven Warren



Steven has been teaching with CSMA since 2014. Steven started drumming while living in Bermuda where he started playing at church, and with his high school band. He continued to study drums at Rocky Mountain College in Calgary where he met his wife, Nicole Warren. Steven graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Contemporary Music majoring in drums in 2014, and has been heavily involved in the worship ministry at Centre Street Church. You can see Steven playing in the New West Symphony and Chorus, and occasional gigs around the city.

Guitar Teachers

Milton Kim



Milton is a professional musician, producer, musical director and a lecturer. Milton has been a part of the music scene in Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton and Saskatoon as a performer, arranger, teacher, and studio musician/producer for over two decades. His background in percussion, voice, guitar, bass and lower brass at university & colleges has helped Milton as a performer & an instructor in a variety of genres including jazz, R&B, current popular charts, rock, latin, Afro-Cuban, blues, and contemporary Christian pop. Milton has worked with Eric Boseman, Kenny Marco, Ashley Alexander, Lee Kozak, Brian Doerksen, Johnny Summers, Ralf Buschmeyer, Andy Ericson, Matt Day, Jon Day, Christian Alexandrovpf, Wes Caswell, CBC studios, as well as producing recordings for many emerging artists. In his spare time he volunteers for worship teams in churches throughout Calgary, runs music workshops for worship communities/churches, leads outdoor adventure youth groups, teaches kayaking/windsurfing, and designs buildings.

Jonathan Lagore



Jonathan is a graduate of the Grant MacEwan University Music program. He grew up playing in church settings and continues to do so alongside his work as a freelance guitarist, where he has had the opportunity to travel across Canada and perform with a variety of artists. He has a passion for building up the next generation of musicians and seeing students develop into confident and well-rounded performers.

Music Exploration & Voice

Carrie-Lynn Johnstone



Carrie Lynn Johnstone has a Bachelor of Arts in Vocal Performance. She has been teaching voice for the last 8 years to a variety of ages and skill levels. She also has 12 years of experience working with and teaching individuals with special needs, specializing in autism. She loves combining her love of music and special education. In Music Exploration classes Carrie Lynn focuses on skills such as: social interaction, speech through song, gross and fine motor skills, rhythm, song recollection and much more. You can see Carrie sharing her love of music on her church worship teams and singing in New West Symphony & Chorus.

Piano Teachers

Gideon Choi



Gideon Choi has been teaching piano for over 7 years and is consistently characterized as a teacher with a passion for playing, a compassionate heart and a personable teaching style. He received a Royal Conservatory Piano Performer's Associate Diploma in 1996, a Bachelor of Education from the University of Calgary in 2002 and a Jazz Performance Music Diploma from MacEwan University in 2009. In addition to teaching piano, he is an active worship team member at the CSC Central Campus and a part of the executive committee of the ARMTA Calgary Piano Pedagogy Group. Gideon has extensive experience as a performer and teacher in classical, jazz and

contemporary styles. Gideon is an ARMTA and CFMTA certified Registered Music Teacher since 2012.

Joanna Syroteuk



Joanna's love for music began at an early age, leading to both a Bachelor's degree in Piano and a Master's degree in Music with additional studies and work experience in theory, accompanying, and songwriting. Joanna has built and taught large private studios in New York City, Edmonton, and now Calgary/Airdrie, coaching students of all ages and skill levels.

Whether you want to learn to read and play chord sheets on worship teams, play popular music and songs you love, or learn classical and Royal Conservatory repertoire, Joanna's greatest strength as a teacher is her ability to help students identify their unique skills and personal music goals, and then customize lessons accordingly. As no two students are

the same, no two lessons are the same. Joanna looks forward to meeting and coaching YOU!

Piano & Voice Teachers

Desiree Arthur



Desiree Arthur began singing at age 2, started playing piano at 13 and voice lessons at 14. Spent many years singing in choirs and church productions. After graduating from High School she went to CNUC (Now Ambrose) for a diploma in Music for 2 years. Spent a summer/fall doing her music/youth internship in Ontario, after this time she decided to transfer to Rocky Mountain College, where she completed and graduated with her Bachelor of Arts in Music.

Now she is involved in Worship teams at the Main Campus of CSC and is heavily involved with a professional group, New West Symphony and Chorus. She has been employed by CSMA for 9 years and has taken on the role of Worship Developer this year.

Kristal Chalmers



Kristal grew up in Royal Conservatory and went on to accompany several soloists and choirs. She had the privilege of working in different studios and with artists who grew her appreciation for music of all kinds (almost all kinds!). Kristal's favourite title is wife and she loves being a mom to 3 amazing teens. And now she loves watching others fall in love with music, and grow in their abilities to express themselves musically.

Nicole Warren



Nicole grew up playing Royal Conservatory and received her Grade 10 RCM the summer of her grade 12 year. Throughout her time in her hometown you would see her singing/playing in church, and gigging with her high school rock band. She went on to receive her Bachelor of Arts in Contemporary Voice from Rocky Mountain College in 2012. Nicole has furthered her education by participating in Cowtown Opera Summer Academy, La Bella Vita Arts in Italy, performing with New West Symphony & Chorus, coaching with Brian Farrell, and partaking in piano pedagogy classes. Nicole has taught lessons with CSMA since 2013, and has been the Director since 2016. She loves the community of

CSMA, and finds her time with her students rewarding.

Violin Teachers

Tanya Chan



Tanya began her violin studies at the age of six and has been teaching since 2010. She earned a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Calgary in 2014 and studied music ensemble and performance courses during her time there. Tanya completed her Grade 10 RCM Violin Exam as well as her Grade 2 Rudiments Theory Exam. Previously, Tanya has played in numerous orchestras including: The U of C Orchestra, and The Calgary Youth Orchestra, where she got the opportunity to tour and perform across Europe. She is currently part of the Centre Street Choir and Orchestra. In her downtime Tanya enjoys volunteering, hiking and hanging out with her husband John and Tobi, their French bulldog. Her favourite part about teaching violin is seeing the improvement and

progression of each student and being able to share her love for the Lord through music.

Rachel Hersey



Rachel Hersey started studying the violin when she was eight years old, but the passion started much earlier. She loved going to symphony concerts and dreamed of performing.

Rachel has completed both her ARCT Performers and Teachers diplomas, is a Registered Music Teacher with ARMTA, and has her Advanced Specialist certificate. She loves teaching her students and seeing them grow musically and personally. Her passion is to inspire students to share her excitement for the violin and to see them play with ease that comes with good technique.

She performs with New West Symphony and Chorus as well as for weddings and other events. One of her favourite things about being a musician is being able to travel around the world to perform and learn, including Norway and Hawaii!