



Private Music Instruction at Shaker Road School

Our Music Instructors



Eric Klaxton

Piano, Woodwinds

Eric Klaxton received his Bachelor of Arts in Music Performance and Jazz Studies at the University of New Hampshire. As an active performer, Eric has chosen to pursue jazz among other contemporary musics. He is also well versed in the classical tradition and continues to study the compositions of the masters. Eric feels a responsibility as a musician to teach his craft and pass along the traditions that have made him the musician he is today. He is currently an active member of notable ensembles including: The Soggy Po Boys, Sojoy and OurBigBand. In addition to his work with collective ensembles, Eric is often writing and arranging original works for various groups of his own. In addition to saxophone, Eric teaches piano, clarinet, composition, improvisation, and music theory lessons.



Kristina Kulish

Piano

Kristina Kulish is a professional concert and accompanist pianist, music theory teacher and foreign language teacher. Kristina is fluent in English, Russian, Italian, German and Spanish and has worked as a interpreter. Kristina holds a Bachelors and two Master degrees and has 12 years experience as a teacher. She also holds a Teaching Certificate from the Ministry of Education's Advanced Artistic, Musical and Choreutic Education for Teachers of High School and University. Kristina has taught at the Dance and Music Statal Arts High School Alfano I, Salerno, Italy as Piano Accompanist for Contemporary Dance, lead Music Theory teacher, and Foreign Language teacher. Prior to that, for three years, she was school placement co-operating teacher at the Conservatory Municipal de Musica de Barcelona, and two years as cultural interpreter and accompanying pianist for instrument and opera singing at the Conservatorio G. Martucci, Salerno.



Rachel Minsinger

Woodwinds, Brass, Piano, Voice, Xylophone, Ukulele

Rachel Minsinger attended Susquehanna University where she received her Bachelor of Music in Music Education with a clarinet concentration in 2009. She also attended Gordon College where she received her Masters of Music in Music Education in 2015. She has been teaching since 2009 and has been at Shaker Road School since 2015. Mrs. Minsinger teaches all of the students at SRS from infants through middle school. She also directs the concert band and chorus. Mrs. Minsinger is a member of the National Association for Music Educators, the New Hampshire Music Educators Association, and the Feiera-bend Association for Music Education. Mrs. Minsinger has performed with various ensembles including the Upper Valley Community Band, the Claremont Community Band, the Newmont Military Band, and the Newport Area Choir. Mrs. Minsinger has performed at many locations from Carnegie Hall, to the Gettysburg Battlefield, as well as at many, many churches and town greens. When Mrs. Minsinger is not teaching, she enjoys playing her ukulele and playing with her sons, Eli and Oscar.

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Debbie Potter

Ukulele

Debbie Potter has been playing ukulele since 2012. She has always had music in her life; singing with her family, playing clarinet for 12 years in band, and integrating music in her elementary classes. Ukulele fits right in to her musical life. "It is nice to play an instrument and be able to sing along. Pretty tricky with a clarinet!!" Debbie has been the early childhood music teacher at SRS as well as many other positions here. In addition to being a ukulele teacher, she currently is the Librarian and a Pre-K teacher. Debbie plays ukulele with 3 ukulele clubs around the state. Debbie has studied with David Surrette at the Concord Community Music School and accompanied the Songweavers at a concert. She has played ukulele at various open mics as a solo artist, as a duo with her husband, Bill, and with ukulele groups.



Scott Solsky

Guitar, Bass, Violin, Drums, Xylophone, Voice, Woodwinds, Brass

Scott Solsky has been a professional performer and music educator in New England for over two decades. After studying at the University of Southern Maine and privately with the region's top guitar players (Tony Gaboury, Jay Carlson, Phil Sargent, and Randy Roos), Scott has developed a style that effortlessly morphs from one genre to another, while maintaining a distinct sound. Scott has been teaching music at the Shaker Road School since 2003 in many different capacities. He is currently teaching the SRS rock and jazz bands and teaching private lessons on most instruments. Through the work Scott has done with bands such as Pat and The Hats, Brasbe, and Donkilo! Afrofunk Orchestra, he has been awarded many regional awards, including a New England Music Award (best pop act of 2015), multiple Best in NH awards from Hippo Press, multiple Best in NH awards from NH Magazine, and was a member of the Union Leader's "Forty under 40" class in 2013. In addition to performing with Trade (original six piece soul and Motown group), Scott is also a solo performer and can be found playing with Lynne Taylor, Mike Walsh, and Jared Steer. Scott also teaches out of his home studio, Sideroom Music, in Concord where he lives with his three children.