

PSU Alumni & Current Students Piano Camp 2009 (17th year)

Alyssa Costa is a sophomore in Music Education with piano as her primary instrument. She is already teaching piano to young students in the area, and is also the accompanist for choral groups and other music programs in the area. Alyssa taught the Art class.

Allison Jangel is a 2009 graduate of PSU with an emphasis in flute performance and a minor in piano, teaching several piano students in her last two years. Allison was a camper at the junior camp and this is her first year on the staff.

Christine Kissack is a native of Maine, where she maintains an independent piano studio in Falmouth and teaches piano pedagogy and class piano at the University of Southern Maine in Gorham. An alum of PSU and Southern Methodist University, Mrs. Kissack is a regular staff member at PSU's Piano Monster Festivals. She is the Head Residence Hall counselor and Coordinator of the Challenges at the Junior Festival.

Colin McIver is a senior in the Music Technology and in Piano Performance and Pedagogy options. He attended the PSU Piano Monster Festivals for 7 years and has been a staff member for the past five summers. He taught the Improvisation class.

Jacqueline Morin is a 2007 PSU graduate and just completed her master's degree in Piano Pedagogy from West Chester University in PA. In the fall she will begin full time teaching in piano at the Concord Community Music School and the Seacoast Academy of Music. This is Jackie's 5th year as a staff member after completing 5 years as a camper. Jackie taught the voice class and Theory Challenges.

Holly Oliver, Chorus Director – is the Program Coordinator for Music Education at PSU. Her teaching experience spans over 20 years in New Hampshire public schools and includes several years with the Plymouth Friends of the Arts Children's Chorus. Mrs. Oliver has directed the Festival Chorus several times in the past.

Ashley Rose is a 2009 graduate in Piano Performance and Pedagogy and will student teach this fall for her Music Education degree. Ashley has a studio of young piano students, accompanies in the area for school performances and musicals and is pianist for the Plymouth Congregational Church. This is Ashley's 4th year at camp and she taught the Piano Millionaire class, the Music History Challenges and French class for an Evening Activity.

Carlos Sabina, an alum of PSU, is now teaching guitar, piano and composition at Portsmouth Music and Arts Center. He taught the guitar and Improvisation classes. He's back for his 17th year.

David Saunders is a 2008 PSU graduate and will begin his first full time job in Streator Illinois this fall. He's back for his 4th year and was our percussion instructor and conducting teacher.

Elisa Saunders is a music education graduate of Plymouth State University and received her MM degree in trumpet performance from Illinois State University. She just completed her 5th year of teaching instrumental music in the public schools in Illinois. This is Elisa's 10th year on the staff and she directed the digital keyboard orchestras.

Kelly Sullivan graduated from Plymouth State in 2002 and has taught at the middle school and high school levels in New Hampshire. Kelly has just finished her first year in Plymouth and will be returning in the fall. She was the Vocal Ensemble director.

Peter Templeton is a PSU alum as well. He is an adjunct professor in piano at PSU and has his own independent studio here in Plymouth. Peter is the one who organized all the small group rehearsals.

Carolyn Miller is a nationally-known pedagogical composer, having composed over 35 books and about 100 solos and duets. Her music teaches technical skills, is fun to play, and has enormous appeal to both children and adults. She has taught piano and composition to students of all ages, both privately and in classroom situations. Ms. Miller has given workshops and showcases throughout the United States and is often asked to adjudicate. She has conducted at ensemble concerts, piano camps, and festivals and has been commissioned to write music for these special events. This is her second appearance at our Piano Monster Festivals.