

# Melissa Anderson

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Piano Educator & Performer with 4+ years of college-level teaching experience. Skilled at connecting focused, traditional piano instruction to broader music theory and history topics.

## Areas of Expertise

Curriculum Development | Group Piano Lessons | Keyboard Harmonization | Keyboard Transposition | Lesson Planning | Music Theory Integration | Piano Duo Instruction | Private Piano Lessons | Rehearsal & Recital Planning | Repertoire Selection | Student Proficiency & Performance Evaluation | Tutoring & Mentoring

## Education

Master of Music in Piano Performance, *School of Music, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL* | 2019

Studied under Dr. Meera Patel | LNC Honors Scholarship

Bachelor of Arts in Music, *Miami Dade College, Miami, FL* | 2016

Studied under Dr. Jasmine Brown | Magna Cum Laude | DHI Honors Scholarship

## Professional Teaching Experience

### Lecturer in Piano

*School of Music, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL* | 2018 to Present

- Teach basic and advanced keyboard technique to students majoring in music and piano performance
- Focus on helping students explore, learn, and perform classical works by composers such as Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy, and Ravel
- Incorporate music theory and history to place keyboard instruction in a wider context

### Piano Teacher (part time)

*FJB Music Conservatory, Miami, FL* | 2014 to 2017

- Provided advanced piano instruction to students of varying ages and backgrounds

## Graduate Fellowship

### School of Music

*University of Florida, Gainesville, FL* | 2018 to 2019

- Helped research and collate new public-domain scores and resources for music and piano majors

## Select Presentations

Presenter, "Music Education Opportunities for First-Generation Students: A Survey of New Resources and Repertoire in the Public Domain," *JEC Piano Pedagogy Conference, Miami, FL* | January 19, 2022

Co-Presenter, "Connecting Students to Success in New and Emerging Professional Music Settings," *FBC Music Opportunity & Development Seminar, Gainesville, FL* | September 28, 2021

## Volunteer Experience

Music Tutor / Mentor, *Miami Northwestern Middle School, Miami, FL* | October 2021 to Present

- Contribute to a new after-school program helping students explore different forms of musical expression and appreciation

## Language

Fluency in Spanish