

Stephie Gee

Education- Bachelors of Science in Business in Accounting & Supply Chain Management Teaching Experience- I have been teaching music since 2017.

Instrument(s)- I teach percussion (drum set, hand percussion, mallets), flute, and piano.

Interests- I enjoy traveling, learning foreign languages, gardening, practicing escrima/arnis, volunteering in the community, & crafting.

Are you left/Right Handed? I am right handed

Are you an Extrovert or Introvert? Depending on the situation, I am either. :)

Age Preference- I enjoy teaching all ages!

Level Preference- Piano & Flute: Beginner - Intermediate; Percussion - all levels.

Favorite Series/Method - Piano: Faber and Faber Method; Flute & Mallets: Standard of Excellence Comprehensive Band Method; Drum Set: Drum Sessions Comprehensive Method Dance/Movement Curriculum - Music is an expressive language. And especially since instrumental music is a non-verbal language, body movement plays a vital role in effectively communicating a piece of music to the listener. Part of my curriculum focuses on musicianship as well as visual performance coaching.

At-Risk Teaching Abilities - Having volunteered with disconnected populations in the Nashville community, and also currently an instructor at the W.O. Smith School of Music, I believe that everyone no matter the barrier, should have the opportunity to learn and play music. "If there is a will, there is a way," and I am happy to help find that way.

A note from Ms. Gee....

I want to help students discover and awaken their true potential as a musician. I believe in a comprehensive approach to teaching. I realize the value of learning proper technique to prevent bad habits and injuries later down the road. I also believe in the value of understanding music theory, allowing the student to further develop skills that can also be used in areas outside of music, such as school. Once these basics are established, we can then apply these principles to the student's taste in music. Above all, I want my students to cultivate their passion and confidence for playing and creating music. As someone who began studying

music at the age of six, I love bringing the joy of music to students of all ages!

About the teacher...

Stephie G. has taught music in multiple environments: privately, at summer rock camps, after-school programs, and the W.O. Smith Music School. Originally from Southern California, she started playing piano and organ when she was six years old. At nine, she studied the flute, and discovered percussion at the age of fourteen. As a teenager, she competed in Winter Guard International (WGI) and Southern California Percussion Alliance (SCPA) indoor drumline circuits, as well as marched in a Drum Corps International (DCI) World Class corps, all under the direction of John Mapes. She further studied commercial percussion with the king of groove, Go-Go Ray. Stephie G. has recorded for bands such as J. Shields & The Honey Spoons. She currently performs with local Nashville artists, and is passionate about raising up the next generation of musicians.