

# KARI BEHRENDT

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As an experienced musician, my excellence in piano performance has allotted many opportunities throughout my career. I truly enjoy playing and hope to continue well into my retirement years.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

1992 – 2006

**PRIVATE PIANO TEACHER, ESCONDIDO HOME**

Taught weekly private piano lessons for beginner thru intermediate students all ages

1995 – 2002

**CHURCH PIANIST, FALLBROOK FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

Playing piano for weekly rehearsals and weekly Sunday morning services.

1996 – 2014

**PIANO ACCOMPANIST AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, EL CAMINO HIGH SCHOOL**

Piano accompanist and sectional director for all choir classes, school concerts, and outside school performances.

2002 – 2017

**CHURCH PIANIST, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Playing piano for weekly rehearsals and weekly Sunday services.

2014 – 2018

**PIANO ACCOMPANIST, CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

Piano accompanist for JrHigh and High School choir classes and three school concerts a year.

2012 – 2017

**WORSHIP LEADER, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Planning and leading worship for weekly Sunday services, including building worship teams, band, and choir. Director of yearly Christmas musicals and conductor of choir and orchestra.

2015 – 2017

**MUSIC COORDINATOR, THE GRAND TRADITION FALLBROOK**

Coordinating musicians and music for all weddings who request live music for their ceremony. Pianist during wedding ceremony and accompanist for any guest soloists or groups.

2016 – 2020, 2023-

**PIANO ACCOMPANIST AND VOCAL COACH, CLASSICAL ACADEMIES**

Piano accompanist and vocal coach for the musical theater 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade yearly programs.

2017 –

**PIANO ACCOMPANIST, CHRISTIAN CHILDREN’S CHOIR, DIR. NANCY SHIRLEY**

Piano accompanist for the children and teen choirs as well as a small adult ensemble.

2017 –

**PRIVATE PIANO TEACHER, PIANO STUDIO OF KARI BEHRENDT**

Teach weekly individual piano lessons for beginner thru advanced students of all ages. Pacific Coast Academy, Cabrillo Point Academy, and Mission Vista Academy Vendor.  
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2000 –

**PIANIST, PIANO STUDIO OF KARI BEHRENDT**

Pianist/accompanist for various events. Musical theater experience including *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *The Wiz*, *Lion King*, *Shrek*, *Peter Pan*, *Legally Blonde* with Palomar College, *Seussical* and *Hunchback of Notre Dame* with San Diego Youth Theater Productions, *Freaky Friday* with the Ritz Youth Theater, and many others. Piano accompanist for instrumental soloists including the flute, clarinet, and cello as well as for vocalists. Other various events include A Night of Stars at the Ritz Theater, Guajome Academy Winter Concert, Carlsbad Community Church Christmas, Local Weddings, Memorials, and Funerals.

2022-

**MUSIC DIRECTOR AND PIANO ACCOMPANIST, TRI-CITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS**

Music Director for the musical theater 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade spring musical production and piano accompanist for High School Choir concerts and events.

## EDUCATION

JUNE 1994

**HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

NHS member, RB Chorale Scholarship Winner

MAY 1997

**ASSOCIATE IN ARTS, PALOMAR COLLEGE**

4.0 GPA with Distinction in Music and completing all undergraduate coursework, Grossmont Women’s League Music Scholarship Winner

MAY 2001

**BACHELOR OF MUSIC IN APPLIED LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERISTY**

Summa Cum Laude, with Distinction in Music-piano performance degree

## **SKILLS**

- Excellent sight-reader
- High Quality Musician
- Confident Accompanist
- Competent Vocalist
- Classically trained pianist
- Excel in performance

## **ACTIVITIES**

My passion for music has encircled me throughout my entire life. At 5 years old, I longed to play piano, and began lessons, finally, at the age of 9. I learned incredibly fast and began playing for weddings and church at the age of 11, and from then on piano was a primary focus well into my adult life. I most enjoy worship music and being a part of church life at North Coast Church. I am part of the North Coast Worship Band at both the Rancho Bernardo and San Marcos Campuses where I play piano and sing to help lead in weekly worship services. The ability to use my gifts to impact others has been such a joy. I also love being a mom to two amazing and active kids who also have been gifted musically and athletically. They are both young adults in college and I love continuing to support their endeavors while having the privilege of getting to know the friends and families I am surrounded by.