

SANDRA M. BARBA
Music Biography

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Music (1980), Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH

- * Majored in Piano and Music Education, minored in Voice
- * Studied all orchestral instruments and guitar, conducting, and choral conducting
- * Program of study included piano pedagogy, music history, music theory, and music education

Additional Musical Training:

[Jazz Piano lessons](#) and composition with Rob Mullins, Grammy Nominee
Post-graduate piano lessons with Dr. Robert Hopkins, Eastman School of Music
Improvisation with Larry Harris, Eastman School of Music
Piano lessons with Dr. Edward Zolas, Julliard School and Dolores Fitzner, Yale University
Voice lessons with Rosemary Reardon and Dr. Wade Reardon
Dance lessons with Megarts Studio (11 years)
Piano lessons (10 years) with Frank Tarantino

Music Theory:

Studies with Dr. Edward Largent, Dr. Hailstork, Dr. Walker, and Dr. Robert Rollin (Music Nobel Peace Prize Award, Cornell University Graduate)

POST-BACHELORATE EDUCATION

Oberlin School of Music: Mozart Masters Class with Dr. Weiss; Piano Masters Class with concert pianist, John Browning.
CA Fifth Year Teaching Credential: CSULB and Pepperdine Graduate School, Los Angeles
Handbell Choir Certificate: CSULB
Workshops: Mayron Cole Piano Method, Glover-Stewart, Faber & Faber, Jane McGrath, and Carol Leone

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Percussionist, Royal European Tour (1969) and two bands (4 years)
Vocalist, special occasions
Piano soloist and dance at recitals
Recorded piano recital for college radio, Youngstown State University
Lead singer in Top 40 Band, *Solid Gold*
Pianist, Latin Culture Center and Contemporary Ensemble (Youngstown, OH)
Church Organist, Choir Director, Musical Theater Director, Pianist
Charity and Political Fundraisers: Pianist and Accompanist

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Private & semi-private music lessons (past 35 years), group piano modified Yamaha Method (1 year)
General Music Teacher and Choir Director in various OH and CA school districts (15 years)

- * Longest tenure at St. Joseph School (K-8th Grade), Long Beach, CA
- * Applied Kodaly Methods

Judged Jazz Organ Competition (Anaheim, CA)
Volunteer Assistant Music Therapist, Woodside Receiving Hospital (Youngstown, OH)

AWARDS AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Honor Roll, Youngstown State University (4 years)
Kodak Music Scholarship, Yamaha Group Creativity Award
Music Teachers Association of CA (MTAC), 2nd Vice President (2007/08)
National Guild of Piano Teachers (NGPT)
NGPT Teacher National Honor Roll for preparing students for Guild auditions (past 10+ years)