

Joni Gage

Joni Gage joined CMS faculty in 2002 as a voice and piano instructor, as well as a choral and theater director. Joni is a high energy music professional with the ability to motivate students to work at optimal levels while maintaining a comfortable and creative learning environment.

Joni's extensive teaching experience as the choral director in private and public schools helps her guide students to find personal expression through musical artistry. Her own artistic background in choral performance, general music, music history, music theory, voice, piano and theater arts brings a level of commitment and passion to her students at the Community Music School. Joni has said that her philosophy on teaching encompasses "faith, tenacity, integrity, community and the relentless pursuit to provide all students the opportunities to realize their true voices."

Joni holds a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Florida Atlantic University. She is a member of Music Educator's National Conference and ACDA. Joni is a soprano in the Con Brio Choral Society, and is a member of the Faculty Jazz Quartet at the Community Music School. She is a composer, arranger and vocalist of original songs recorded on CD, New River Studios, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Joni also serves as an adjudicator for Shoreline Arts Alliance Vocal Scholarship Competition.

Joni is the Musical Director for several theatre companies including Oddfellows Playhouse, Old Saybrook Summer Stock, Middlesex Academy of the Performing Arts, and Missoula Children's Theatre through The Katherine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center. She is the Musical Director for the CMS youth choir Solstice Singers and also directs CMS Broadway Bound East Theater program, staging numerous musicals for young actors. Joni grew up in Hadlyme, CT.

Joni's directing and musical credits include: *South Pacific*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Once on This Island*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Into the Woods*, *The Pirates of Penzance*, and *Beauty and the Beast*.