



Peter Randazzo

KEYS Teacher

Name: Peter Randazzo

Disciplines taught: Piano and Chorus

What is your background?

I grew up in the small-town of Pawling NY. I have a bachelor degree in music theory from the University of Bridgeport, which is how I ended up in CT.

What has music or teaching taught you?

Teaching has taught me to be patient, and to always to look for ways to get the basics of music and how to practice across to my students.

How has your role as a music teacher changed over the years?

I think over the years my sense of purpose has gotten deeper. I feel very proud and happy to be contributing to the welfare and advancement of so many young people.

What would you consider your greatest achievement(s) as a KEYS teacher?

I am very proud of the work I have done as Choir Director of the Bullard Havens KEYS Choir and now the Saturday KEYS Choir after Rob Silvan retired. I also love it when I discover real musical talent in a kid that might not have had a place to develop it without the KEYS program.

How long have you been teaching? I have been teaching for 30 years, 16 years with the KEYS program.

What do you believe your students learn through the KEYS program?

I always make sure to have a recital where they have to perform a piece. So besides having to prepare something to a finished level, they have to be brave enough to get up in front of an audience. I think just learning to concentrate on preparing a piece is very valuable.

What is one piece of advice you give to your students?

I tell them not to worry about making a mistake. I always say the worst thing that can happen is they get a little embarrassed, but no one gets hurt!

What advice would you have for parents of your students?

Just to encourage them to keep at it - to develop a practice routine.

