

Vibrant and enthusiastic, experienced, knowledgeable, and fun, **Cynthia Cummiskey** has specialized in bringing the joy of music to young and young-at-heart students for over thirty five years. She studied **piano** at the Neighborhood Music School in New Haven and at the Eastman School of Music, as well as at Yale. Cynthia holds a Bachelor of Arts in Music from **Yale University**, a Master of Education from **Teachers' College Columbia University**, and a Graduate Diploma in Arts Management from the **University of Limerick, Ireland**. She has taught private piano lessons throughout Connecticut, as well as Miami, Florida, and Ireland. She is in demand as an accompanist and instrumental coach for all ages. In addition to a piano pedagogue, Cynthia has been a certified Kindermusik instructor at the Westport School of Music in Westport, CT for over eight years, working with children birth to seven years. She is currently an instructor at Family Matters, a pre-school music and learning program in Bridgeport, CT. Cynthia developed and presented the Music at Lunch Concert Series for grades K-4 at Redding Elementary School in Redding, CT, as well as the Music for Youth Musical Exchange Program for middle school string students in Bridgeport and surrounding suburbs, a program continuing successfully after 14 years. Cynthia has worked with the renowned Music for Youth, Inc. concert and school program, based in Southport, CT, for over twenty two years, as a grant writer, school liaison, artist manager, program developer, fundraiser, and finally Executive Director. At Music for Youth, she successfully presented hundreds of free classical concerts for young people and brought dozens of world-renowned musicians into the public schools. Cynthia believes strongly in the power of music to change the course of lives, and hopes that every child can have the opportunity to experience music for themselves and with others.