

# Samantha Andrea Opp

Pianist (Performer/Accompanist)  
Board-Certified Music Therapist  
Music Educator

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<b>Education</b>	<b>Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy</b> , University of the Pacific, 2008 Magna cum laude. Excellence in Performance scholarship.
<b>Professional Certification</b>	<b>Board-Certified Music Therapist</b> , 2009-Present
<b>Additional Skills</b>	<b>Language</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fluent in written and spoken English, Cantonese, and Mandarin</li><li>• Moderate fluency in Spanish</li></ul> <b>Computers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Experienced with Microsoft Office and Quicken</li><li>• Typing Speed: 120 WPM</li></ul>
<b>Present Position</b>	<b>Music Therapist, Creative Exchange Music Therapy (Westchester, IL)</b> – September 2012-Present <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide music therapy services for clients ages 4-21 with multiple disabilities and emotional needs</li></ul>
<b>Professional Experience</b>	
<b>Music Education</b>	<b>Piano Instructor/Music Administrator, St. Peter Lutheran School (Lodi, CA)</b> - 2010-2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide individual and group piano instruction for K-8 students</li><li>• Created and taught kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade after-school music groups</li><li>• Coordinated scheduling, recitals, registration, and competitive auditions</li></ul> <b>Piano Instructor, Music &amp; Arts (Naperville, IL)</b> - January-June 2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provided individual piano instruction for 1<sup>st</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students</li></ul> <b>Piano Instructor, Music Matters (Batavia, IL)</b> - August 2009- June 2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provided individual piano instruction for pre-kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students</li></ul> <b>Private Piano Instructor (California, Minnesota, and Illinois)</b> 2004-Present <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Taught both normal-functioning and students with visual impairment, autism and cerebral palsy, ages 6-78</li></ul>
<b>Piano Performance</b>	<b>Freelance Accompanist (San Joaquin Valley, CA)</b> – 2004-Present <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accompanied for faculty and student recitals and juries at the University of the Pacific and California State University Stanislaus</li></ul> <b>Staff Accompanist, California State University Stanislaus (Turlock, CA)</b> – August-December 2011 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accompanied vocal students for lessons and juries</li></ul> <b>Winner, University of the Pacific Concerto Competition</b> - 2007 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Performed first movement of Schumann's <i>Piano Concerto in A minor, op.54</i>, with the University Symphony Orchestra in May 2008</li></ul>
<b>Music Therapy</b>	<b>Music Therapist, In Harmony Music Therapy Services (Stockton, CA)</b> - May 2011-Present <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provided music therapy services for clients with cancer and cerebral palsy</li></ul> <b>Music Assistant, Mary Graham Children's Shelter (French Camp, CA)</b> - November 2010-August 2011 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assisted music enrichment instructor in facilitating groups for abused and neglected children ages 4-18</li><li>• Provided group keyboard and guitar instruction</li></ul> <b>Music Therapist, Community Therapy Services (St. Charles, IL)</b> - June 2009-June 2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provided music therapy services at Larkin Center, a school for emotionally and behaviorally troubled youth, grades 1-9</li><li>• Conducted music therapy sessions for children with autism and developmental disabilities</li><li>• Provided music therapy services at a nursing home, therapy barn, and special needs school</li><li>• Marketing and program development, including in-services and presentations</li></ul>

**Music Therapy Intern, Park Nicollet Health Services (Minneapolis, MN) - June 2008- December 2008**

- Home Hospice
  - Provided individual music therapy sessions at nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and private homes
  - Provided group therapy sessions for patients and caregivers
- Methodist Hospital Oncology Unit
  - Provided music therapy services during inpatient and outpatient infusion therapy
  - Aided in relaxation, pain and anxiety management, and emotional processing
- Struthers Parkinson's Center
  - Assisted with adult day program and assessment clinics
  - Facilitated group therapy, including use of Neurologic Music Therapy techniques
  - Collaborated with multidisciplinary team members.
- Growing Through Grief Support Group
  - Collaborated with social worker in facilitating weekly bereavement groups for high school students

**Music Therapy Fieldwork Plymouth Square (Nursing Home) - January 2008- May 2008**

- Facilitated group and individual sessions for residents with psychiatric needs

**Crestwood Manor (Psychiatric Subacute Unit) - August 2007- December 2007**

- Facilitated weekly group sessions with adults with mental illnesses

**Children's Bereavement Day Camp - October 2007**

**Walton Special Needs Center - January 2007- May 2007**

- Led weekly group sessions for children with developmental disabilities

**Montezuma Elementary School - September 2006- December 2006**

- Led weekly group sessions for normal-functioning kindergarten students

**Other**

**Teacher's Assistant, University of the Pacific (Stockton, CA) - September 2005-May 2008**

- Graded assignments and weekly oral exams
- E-mails, phone calls, copying, errands for Director of Choral Studies

**Private and Community Center Tutoring (Stockton, CA) - March 2004-May 2006**

- Enhanced students' writing and math skills

**Volunteer Experience**

**Volunteer Teacher's Assistant, St. Peter Lutheran and Sierra Middle Schools, 2010-2012**

- Grading, classroom organization

**Young Adult Ministry Volunteer, Stockton Alliance Church – 2011-Present**

- Tutoring of visually and cognitively impaired young adult
- Group and individual discipleship of college-age girls
- Young adult sunday school class co-leader

**Children's Choir Director, Stockton Alliance Church - 2011-2012**

- Led preschool-6th grade children's choir for special events

**Children's Handbell Choir Co-Director, Wheaton Chinese Alliance Church - 2009-2010**

**Waterleaf Women's Center (Aurora, IL) - 2010**

- Responsible for administrative tasks

**Vice President, Pacific Music Therapy Association, University of the Pacific - 2006-2008**

- Scheduled meetings and coordinated outside speakers
- Organized and participated in community service events

**Small Group Leader, Pacific Christian Fellowship, University of the Pacific - 2005-2008**

- Facilitated weekly group discussions
- Facilitated community-building activities
- Intervention and counseling for students with emotional needs

**Church Worship Leader/Worship Team Member - September 2000-Present**

- Programmed and led congregational music for services

**InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Bulgaria Global Project - Summer 2007**

- Engaged in local community service projects
- Taught English classes for Bulgarian college students

**English Teaching in China** - Summer 2006

- Taught English classes for Chinese college students and at a children's summer camp

**Awards and Achievements**    **Outstanding Achievement in Music Therapy Award, University of the Pacific** - 2008  
**Outstanding Achievement in Oriana Women's Chorus, University of the Pacific** - 2007  
**Member, Pi Kappa Lambda** – Inducted 2007  
**Member, Phi Kappa Phi** – Inducted 2007

References available upon request.