

# Joy Graves

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*Pianist, Music Teacher*

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## EDUCATION

The University of Southern Mississippi-Hattiesburg, MS (Expected 2023/2024/2025)

Doctor of Musical Arts (Piano Performance)

Westminster Choir College-Princeton, NJ (2017)

Master of Music (Piano Pedagogy and Performance)

Maranatha Baptist University-Watertown, WI (2015)

Bachelor of Science (Music Education)

## CERTIFICATIONS

Mississippi Department of Education (Valid 7/1/2021-6/30/2026)

165 Music Instrumental (K-12)

166 Music Education Vocal (K-12)

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Teacher License (2020)

General Music and Choral Music (2020)

Initial Educator (2015)

Provisional Educator License (2020)

Lingua Edge, LLC (2017)

TESOL (Teachers of English for Speakers of Other Languages) Certification

## AWARDS

Melvane Draheim Hardee Scholarship Endowment scholarship

The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation (2020)

Fannie Godbold Scholarship (2019)

The University of Southern Mississippi

Graduate Assistantship (2018, 2019, 2020)

The University of Southern Mississippi

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Conehatta Elementary School (2021-Current)

Music Teacher Pre-K-7<sup>th</sup>

Teaching General Music

Teaching Piano/Keyboard in a Classroom Setting

Directing Christmas Music Program

University of Southern Mississippi (2018-2021)

Graduate Assistant

Teaching class piano and piano lessons

Office administration work

Collaborative piano work

Xi'an Shiyou University-Xi'an, China (2017/2018)

Oral English Teacher, Spoken English

Education facility in China (2017/2018)

Director of a children's vocal group (with a TA translator) (2017/2018)

Lead teacher of parents and toddlers class (with a TA translator) (2018)

Mel's Music, Princeton Junction-NJ (2015-2017)

Private Instructor of keyboard, voice, and flute

Private piano instructor- NJ (2016-2017)

Private piano instructor in students' homes

Westminster Conservatory-Princeton, NJ (2015/2016)

Internship/ Graduate Assistantship Piano Teacher

Jefferson High-school- Jefferson, WI (2015)

High School choral student teaching placement

Douglas Elementary School- Watertown, WI (2015)

Elementary general music student teaching placement

Yunnan Normal University-Kunming, China (2013)

Summer English Camp Teacher

Kiddie Kampus-Watertown, WI (2012)

Early Childhood music with preschool children and infants

Maranatha Piano Prep School-Watertown, WI (2011-2015)

Private piano instruction, piano ensemble coach

## **PERFORMING EXPERIENCE**

Conehatta Elementary School

Directing a Christmas program (2021)

The University of Southern Mississippi:

Collaborative pianist for instrumentalists and vocalists (piano) (2018/2020)

The University of Southern Mississippi Concert Band (piano) (2018/2019)

The University of Southern Mississippi Concert Choir (piano) (2018/2019)

Westminster Choir College Symphonic Choir (2015/2016):

Choral Performance (soprano) with the Philadelphia Orchestra (Carnegie Hall)

Choral Performance (soprano) with the Philadelphia Orchestra (Kimmel Center)

Choral Performance (soprano) with the New Jersey Orchestra

Westminster Concert Bell Choir (2016):

National Bell Tour

Maranatha Baptist University Madrigal Choir (2010-2014):

Soprano and handbell ringer

Maranatha Baptist University Concert Band (2013/2014):

Ensemble member, flute

Maranatha Baptist University Percussion Ensemble (2010, 2011, 2013):

Percussionist, Christmas tours

## REFERENCES

Dr. Ellen Elder

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