

Dr. Marnie Van Weelden

Principal adjudicator for Piano, Organ, and String Classes



Dr. Marnie Van Weelden enjoys a versatile career as a pianist, dedicated teacher, and church musician in the Kitchener-Waterloo area. After earning her Bachelor's Degree from Western University she completed both her Master's and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees in piano performance and pedagogy on full scholarship at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Since 2007 she has been teaching piano at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario. She is an active performer in her musical community playing as a solo and collaborative pianist and in her duo, *Blondes on 88*, with pianist Rebekah Jordan-Miller. She has performed in the Laurier Noon Concert series and various other faculty concerts, KW Symphony Love of Music Marathon, Open Ears Festival of new music, and with the SOSI Faculty Orchestra. She is an RCM examiner and is in demand as a festival adjudicator and clinician.

Her workshop, entitled *Music in Motion*, helps to equip pianists with dynamic choreography and increased body awareness that can help with injury prevention. In addition to her university teaching she enjoys working with children and teens in her private studio and is currently serving as the Vice-President of KW-ORMTA, an organization that provides musical engagement in the community.