

Annette Funk – Piano (Faculty Instructor), Program Coordinator

Annette Funk joined the John Brown University Music Department as a staff accompanist and adjunct faculty in 2009. Previously, she received a bachelor's degree in Music Education and a master's degree in Piano Performance. During the past 40 years, Mrs. Funk has been active as a college piano and pedagogy instructor, elementary piano class teacher, private piano teacher, freelance accompanist, and church musician. Annette is excited to share the joy of music with individuals of all ages in the Siloam Springs area.

Ryan Ransdell – Piano (Faculty Instructor)

Ryan Ransdell graduated from John Brown University in 2007 with degrees in music and mathematics. He has been teaching and tutoring students since high school, and enjoys enabling others to understand abstract ideas and to find joy in any area of study. He loves order, logic, problem-solving, people and music. He has cataloged several music libraries and has edited a teaching method for young piano students. Since graduating from JBU, Ryan has collaborated with numerous ensembles and soloists and has taught students of all ages and abilities throughout Northwest Arkansas. He has completed three semesters of graduate work in piano performance and musicology at the University of Missouri in Kansas City, where he taught group piano and undergraduate piano lessons and accompanied various university choirs. Ryan currently serves as a staff accompanist at JBU, organist at First Presbyterian Church in Rogers, and teaches piano students through the JBU Community Arts Academy.

Dana Ahnen – Violin and Piano (Local Professional Instructor)

Dana Ahnen received her bachelor's degree in Music Education from Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky. Violin was her major instrument of study and she taught orchestra during her student teaching. She has seven years of experience teaching general music, choir and music appreciation in public schools. For three of those years, she also taught 5th-12th grade band classes. Dana has also been active as a private piano and violin instructor, church pianist and choir accompanist. She enjoys working with students to develop their skills and talents and their love of music.

Cheri Headrick – Siloam Springs Children's Choir Director

Cheri Headrick is a singer, worship leader, conductor, and voice teacher based in Siloam Springs. She holds degrees from Moody Bible Institute and the University of Arkansas. Cheri sings with SONA singers, and enjoys directing and performing in various projects and productions with classical and musical theater organizations in NWA.

Adam Goff – Guitar, Clarinet, and Ukulele (Local Professional Instructor)

Adam Goff is a JBU graduate with a Bachelors in Music degree. He has played music his whole life and currently plays guitar and clarinet with his band, Edgar Lee Island.

Alex Rexford – Guitar (Local Professional Instructor)

Rachel Arant – Voice (JBU Student Instructor)