

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.

Ethan Collier – Piano and Guitar (Local Professional Instructor)

Recently graduated from Belmont University with a Bachelor's in Music, Ethan Collier is thrilled to join the Community Arts Academy at John Brown University as a teacher. Before studying Commercial Piano at Belmont, Ethan trained as a classical pianist and began his work as a music teacher. His teaching career has allowed him to work with students of all ages, with a focus on young learners and those with special needs. Ethan believes music is a beautiful gift from God and a powerful means of expression. He hopes his students will not only gain a deep understanding of music but also come to love it as much as he does!

Cheri Headrick – Voice (Faculty Instructor)

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.

Kathlyn Kulp – Siloam Springs Children’s Choir Director

Kathlyn Kulp is an experienced music educator and choral director, having taught music for more than 30 years. With a bachelor’s degree in music education, and a master’s degree in Kodály from West Chester University, she has taught children through adults in several states and in Central America. She enjoys worshipping as an organist, pianist, chorister and harpist. Her favorite hobbies are gardening, crafts, and being with family on the farm. She is excited to join the Community Arts Academy to help develop musical artistry in a creative and inviting environment which honors God and others.

Cody Hallmark – Voice (Local Professional Instructor)

Cody Hallmark is a JBU graduate with a Bachelor’s in Music, and an Arkansas Tech University graduate with a Master’s in Teaching. He is currently a local music teacher for the Siloam Springs School District, and has been teaching since 2023. He is also a current graduate student earning his Master’s in Music Education from Arkansas Tech University, anticipating completion in December of 2026. Cody loves finding innovative methods of instruction for music, with the goal of inspiring his students to connect with the music they perform.

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.

Noelle Hogue – Piano (JBU Student Instructor)

Noelle Hogue is a junior at JBU with a Performing Arts major, piano emphasis. She is originally from Tulsa, Oklahoma and has studied piano her whole life. Noelle loves teaching something that she loves and that has helped her in every stage of life.

Seth Childs – Voice (JBU Student Instructor)

Seth Childs is a junior at JBU with a Performing Arts major, voice emphasis. He is originally from Wichita, Kansas.

Hannah Cheney – Cello (JBU Student Instructor)

Hannah Cheney is a freshman at John Brown University, double majoring in Kinesiology with a pre-med emphasis and Integrated Music Studies with a voice emphasis. She grew up playing cello in Rogers, Arkansas, participating in various orchestras and pursuing her own solo career. Hannah began teaching cello lessons to students of all ages and levels at Palmer String Studio, and she has been in love with it ever since.