

# Emily Toews

## Grade 1-9 Music Teacher



Hello! My name is Emily Ann Toews, and I am delighted to be in the position of Grades 1-9 Music teacher at the WISE.

I grew up immersed in music. From as early as I can remember, I played some sort of instrument or sang unabashedly to whoever I could. I participated in multiple ensembles and solo work in both vocal arts and band throughout my school years, which eventually spurred a desire to pursue music as a career. In 2013 I began a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance Degree at the University of Lethbridge, during which time I participated in multiple productions, choirs and developed a deep love for conducting. Upon graduating, I pursued a Pre-Masters at the University of Manitoba in Opera Performance, acting as a stepping stone to a Masters Program. Though the program showed me performance is a great way to showcase art and beauty to the world, it became apparent that, for me, a teaching path was a far more rewarding and enjoyable way to express my art.

I am passionate about seeing the impact of music in others' lives and contributing to that journey, and so in 2018, I returned to the University of Lethbridge to complete my education degree in 2020.

I am very excited to teach music through a Waldorf pedagogical approach. I was homeschooled for most of my school years, and during this time, my mother emphasized a classical way of learning which, I'm discovering, is very similar to that of the Waldorf education. History and the Arts were essential, and everything that I learned was taught from a historical, artistic, and experiential model. Because of this training, the classes that I now teach are very hands-on, diverse, accessible and appropriately structured for the age being taught. I am excited to teach music with the backing of the Waldorf educational model that values music as not just a "prep" or an "option" but as a vital piece of a child's development.

In my free time you can find me teaching voice and piano lessons privately, playing dungeons and dragons, hiking, biking, swimming, going to my local gym, and reading!

I look forward to getting to know you and your children and assisting in growing their love of music.