

Emily Toews

Grades 1-9 Music

Teacher



Emily Ann Toews is delighted to be the Music teacher at the WISE for Grades 1-9.

She grew up immersed in music. From as early as she can remember, Emily played some sort of instrument or sang unabashedly to whomever she could. She participated in multiple ensembles and solo work in both vocal arts and band throughout her school years, which eventually spurred a desire to pursue music as a career. In 2013, Emily began a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance Degree at the University of Lethbridge, during which time she participated in multiple productions and choirs where she developed a deep love for conducting. Upon graduating, Emily 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 her performance is a great way to showcase art and beauty to the world, it became apparent that, for her, a teaching path was a far more rewarding and enjoyable way to express her art. Emily is passionate about seeing the impact of music in others' lives and contributing to that journey, and so in 2018, she returned to the University of Lethbridge to complete her education degree in 2020.

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

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

She looks forward to working with your children and growing their love of music.