

KELA PARKER

Music Educator & Teaching Artist

CAREER SUMMARY

20 years teaching experience in music education, from running a local community music studio to working as a Teaching Artist in social justice arts advocacy for youth and at-risk communities. Passionate about teaching skills for performance, recording arts and music production, and composition to foster self-expression and creative empowerment for students of all ages.

CONTACT

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EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts, Music Composition

Vermont College of Fine Arts
Graduated 2016

Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Arts Portland State University

CERTIFICATIONS

Certificate of Body Mapping -
Alexander Technique
Completed 2009
Portland State University

Recording Arts & Music Production
Portland State University
Completed 2007

SKILLS

- Body Mapping pedagogical framework to encourage proper technique and prevent injury
- Experience as a performer-composer and music producer
- Recording arts and music production
- Bel Canto, pop, and Broadway singing technique
- Acting and voice acting

EXPERIENCE

Music Instructor - Substitute Faculty

Cornerstone Music
Santa Monica, California
March 2026 - Present

- Provide instructional coverage for private lessons in piano and voice.
- Assisted with group rehearsals and final performance for Opera Italia Camp.

Music Instructor - Substitute Faculty

Angeles Academy of Music
Brentwood, Westwood, and Tarzana, California
December 2025 - Present

- Provide instructional coverage for private lessons in piano and voice.

Teaching Artist

Urban Voices Project
Los Angeles, California
2018 - 2021

- Led music workshops for unhoused and at-risk communities on Skid Row and Venice Beach.
- Built and coordinated a creative partnership with Safe Place for Youth, and co-directed live performance for season finale at Kirk Douglas Theatre.
- Fostered musical expression, community building, and healing through performance for groups 18-24 and adult program members

Lead Instructor & Studio Owner

Salmon Street Music Studio
Portland, Oregon
2007 - 2016

- Designed and taught music curriculum for a diverse population of students from beginning to advanced in piano, guitar, composition, and voice.
- Oversaw event coordination and community outreach.
- Managed print and digital advertising, monthly revenue accounting, and studio calendar.