

Jenny Slaydon

Piano / Vocals

I have always had a love for music and the arts which developed at a very young age. I had a grandfather "Big Daddy" who fought in WWII and entertained the troops with accordion, singing, and piano during his service. He pointed me to the piano and encouraged taking lessons. My mother played a little piano as well, and she was the first to show me how to play "Fur Elise" and a few other popular tunes at the age of 5. I began lessons around age 7, competing in festivals and rallies, and have been playing recitals, concerts, churches, restaurants, and other events since. I have also taken several music courses such as piano pedagogy, music appreciation, voice, and musical theatre at McNeese State University and Baton Rouge community college. I have always loved movie scores, musicals, and watching live bands and had the opportunity to play piano in a feature film. I discovered a love for sharing the gift of music with others through teaching about 2 years ago. Teaching adds a whole new element, and it's rewarding to both student and teacher to see a student's skills begin to develop as well as their love and appreciation for music. Any opportunity to play, share, or create music is always a good one. Living in California for several years, I was introduced to world music, drum circles, and many different cultural trends in the industry. It was nice to see music shared in so many ways, and it always seemed to bring even the most diverse strangers together in unity. Classical piano will always stand among my favorites, as it is what I studied for nearly 15 years growing up and through college. I believe music brings empowerment. Music enriches the minds of others and is one of the arts used throughout the world to bring solace, peace, and healing to many. It brings people together from many different walks of life. Music can save lives in more ways than we can imagine.