

Biography

Susan Bickley began her 14 years of piano study with 5 years of group lessons during elementary school years in Arlington, VA. Mrs. Bickley received her Bachelor of Music Ed. degree from Indiana U. School of Music.

During college years, summers were spent working as a secretary/stenographer in Washington, DC, and performing leads in a Gilbert & Sullivan theater group. She taught group piano for 4 years through PTA-sponsored after-school programs in MD and CO, and several years of private piano in VA and CO. She is a retired church soloist, choir director, and semi-professional performer (opera and musical theater). Prior to marrying her husband 28 years ago, she was one of the original administrative staff members for the John F. Kennedy Center; and was a specialist in the Opera/Music Theater Program for 8 years at the National Endowment for the Arts. Mr. and Mrs. Bickley moved to Southaven from Colorado 5 years ago to live closer to their adult children and grandchildren in MS. participated in (Carl) Orff-Schulwerk Workshops for the 2006-2007 school year! I so enjoy the world of improvisation! And I was pleased to learn that singing was incorporated in so many activities.

She currently works part-time as a substitute teacher in private schools (all grades), as well as part-time at a local library.

LIFE Group Piano Program Interest Form

Susan Bickley, Teacher 901-201-1521

Beginning Group-Partners Piano

Grades 3-4

Class Description: In addition to using Christian and known children's songs, and lots of fun music games, I will incorporate approaches that include listening, singing, creativity, playing by ear, imitation (Copy Cat), improvisation using music and rhythmic motifs (Bobby McFerrin and Carl Orff-Schulwerk), simple chords added to melody, treble clef note-reading, and Robert Pace Piano Method concepts.

Supplies: \$10.00 for one term

Materials: An acoustic or digital piano, in the home or readily available, is required.

Small 3-ring binder.

50 - 55 minute classes

8 Students Max; 4 Minimum

Cost: \$25.00 per month

Date: _____

Parent's Names: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Mobile Phone Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Child's Name	Age	Grade	Previous Piano experience Y or N	Comments