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Denise Peykanu

piano, organ

Denise Peykanu is a professional pianist, organist and music educator with over 25 years' experience in these disciplines. She holds a Bachelors's Degree in Applied Piano Performance (Pan American University, currently, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley) and an All-Level Music Education credential from the University of Texas, Austin, TX. Advanced studies in Organ Performance, choral conducting, vocal and accompanying from UCLA and Orff Certifications, Level 1 and 2 from Cal State Los Angeles compliment her piano teaching techniques. She incorporates ideas from her fine education and classroom experiences in her lessons: movement and singing, theory, ear training and sight reading and sight singing.

As a member of the Music Teacher's Association of California (<mtac.org>), her students are invited to participate in the special programs sponsored by MTAC. She serves the local South Bay Branch as CM Theory Chair and Southern California Junior Bach Festival Chair. She was honored by her fellow MTAC teachers with a Lifetime Achievement Award for her service to the branch. Denise also holds membership in the National Guild of Piano Teachers (<pianoguild.com>) which sponsors the Guild Auditions annually.

Denise was past principal organist/pianist at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Newhall, CA, St. Lawrence Martyr in Redondo Beach, American Martyrs in Manhattan Beach and Holy Trinity in San Pedro, CA. She has taught General Music K-5 in Round Rock, Texas, Newhall, CA, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes ISD and P.S Arts.

She conducted/accompanied Childrens' Choirs at all teaching positions. Retiring in 2017 from full-time music ministry, Denise currently works as a free lance musician at several South Bay Churches, most notably, St. John Fisher in Rolling Hills Estates. She shares her talent with the community as a volunteer with the Torrance Memorial Hospital volunteer piano program bringing healing music to patients and their families.

Denise is proud to become a newly appointed member of the piano faculty of Hyperium Conservatory (<HYPERIUMconservatory.com>) in Rolling Hills Estates, a Royal Canadian Music Participating School (RCM).