

# jennifer Opdahl

## Professional Summary

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Broadly gifted, trained musician with extensive experience performing and producing music, as well as publishing concert band, jazz band, string orchestra, and piano music for elementary through postsecondary school programs. **An accomplished pianist, accompanist, vocalist and tubist, having received private training in each area. Diverse** experience teaching and working with adult students as well as young people. Proficient in arranging, orchestrating, and digital audio and video production. A natural relationship builder and team leader, and an excellent written and spoken communicator. Seeking private brass students.

## Experience

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*Adjunct Professor – Private Tuba*  
*Point Loma Nazarene University*

*Music Teacher*

*july 2009- present*

*Sweetwater High School District*

- Middle school concert and jazz band director, Mar Vista Middle School
- High school orchestra director, Olympian High School
- High school mixed choir director, Olympian High School
- Middle school girls' choir director, Chula Vista Middle School SCPA
- Brass coach to local band programs

*Program Director and Instructor*

*january 2009 -present*

*Recreational Music Center*

- Instructor of early childhood music courses for 2–6 year olds
- Instructor of private piano and voice lessons
- Team teacher of group classes on guitar, drums, and piano for all ages
- Facilitator of world drumming curriculum for families, school age students, and adults

*Instrumental Music Editor*

*1998-2009*

*Neil A. Kjos Music Company*

- Worked successfully for over 10 years with leading pedagogues in numerous areas of music instruction, including Bruce Pearson (concert band), Dean Sorenson (jazz), Jeff Nevin (mariachi), Jane Bastien (piano), and Dallas and Nancy Weekley (piano four-hands)
- Edited and prepared new concert band and jazz band music for publication
- Reviewed new concert band submissions for publication

- **Performed as studio musician on tuba, piano, and voice for numerous accompaniment and demo recordings**
- Planned and managed development of educational string video
- Directed and produced documentary film "Jane Bastien: A Passion for Teaching" about internationally known piano pedagogue

## **Technology**

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Proficient in audio and video production, including many industry standard programs such as Digital Performer, ProTools, Final Cut Pro, Logic, Garage Band, and Finale. Adept at general business applications such as Microsoft Office.

## **Education**

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*B.M., Music Theory, Summa Cum Laude, 1998*

*Concordia College, Moorhead, MN*

Studied tuba, piano, and voice. Member of numerous performing groups, including band, orchestra, and choir, as well as several student-organized chamber groups and the annual homecoming show. Accompanied students for lessons and juries, as well as a local elementary school choir for concerts. Taught private brass and piano lessons and tutored students at a local middle school. Focused coursework in composition, orchestration, and instrumental and vocal arranging.

## **Community**

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- Tubist with Grossmont Symphony Orchestra
- Pit musician for several productions at San Diego junior Theatre and Francis Parker High School
- Presenter of special music events at San Diego public and private elementary schools
- Organizer and conductor of brass quartet featured at Feast of Lights Christmas concerts at First Presbyterian Church of San Diego
- Leader in church music program, singing alto in two adult choirs, accompanying children's choir, singing and playing piano in praise band, and volunteering to develop and coordinate instrumental chamber ensemble
- Committee member to hire interim head pastor at church
- Camp counselor for Green Lake Lutheran Ministries, serving youth ages 6-18 for three months in 1998