

## **Melissa Mostert**

Junior Piano

Melissa Mostert started her piano career in Olds Alberta, studying with Wendy Durieux and Jamie Syer. She was blessed to accompany many voice students of June Chittick. As a piano major at the University of Calgary, she completed a Bachelor of Music and a Bachelor of Education. She has 25 years of experience in education and music education as a home studio piano instructor, classroom teacher at Calgary Arts Academy, choral director for children and adult choirs at the YMCA, and piano adjudicator. Her favorite experience teaching is engaging and encouraging reluctant beginners. She uses a strengths-based focus and works hard to understand the learning style and individual interests of students.

Melissa's time is currently occupied by a growing family, and a shift in direction as she pursues a Masters of Social Work. Music, however, will always be a passion and something that brings joy and fulfillment to her life.