



Molly—Piano and Guitar

Molly's love for music and instruments started at age four when she received a xylophone and plastic drum set for Christmas. She began taking piano lessons at the age of seven. After playing her favorite rock bands entire album on the piano she decided to take guitar lessons at the age of sixteen. In college she met many musicians who taught her different kinds of music and then began to perform and write songs with friends.

When Molly moved to northern California on an exchange program she went back to the piano and began individual lessons in voice and piano through the college. During this time she also discovered a passion for dance, and has been dancing ever since. After completing her bachelor's degree in Studio Arts from the University of Minnesota, Molly completed an intensive summer program in Jazz Piano at Berklee College of Music. The structure of Jazz completely opened her mind and allowed her to expand musically in the way she desired.

While living in Big Sur and Monterey California, Molly began working with youth as a teaching artist in the Dancing Classrooms program and a Piano Instructor at the Monterey Youth Center. From the experience with Dancing Classrooms, she felt the deep, positive, and lasting impact the arts had on both communities and individuals. Respect and teambuilding flourished and individuals were able to develop self-esteem and self-confidence that would last a lifetime.

She encourages her students to think critically, express themselves, and practice creative freedom. At the same time she gives them a solid structure and foundation in technic and music theory. This approach requires discipline, effort, and a willingness to not give up. It also strongly encourages students to have fun. In this philosophy lies a tremendous amount of freedom that she has observed to build student's self-esteem and instill confidence. Music and the arts allow Molly creative freedom and self-expression, two things which she values tremendously and are important elements that she brings to her students.

Molly enjoys sharing her love for music and providing a structure for students to learn. She also practices yoga and loves cooking, nature, and photography.