

## **2017 Heather Rogers Riley**

**Heather Rogers Riley** is a Boston area piano instructor, performance coach, adjudicator and performer. The enthusiasm and depth of commitment she brings to her work is the result of two combined passions: piano and teaching. Heather fell in love with the piano from her first lesson as a child in California and pursued this love into a career performing and teaching.

Now, Heather passes on that passion to her students, helping them discover their artistic potential and a life-long enjoyment for making music. Her students perform frequently in recitals and competitions, achieving highest marks in the state from the Royal Conservatory of Music Development Program, and winning awards in notable competitions such as the MMTA Judged Recitals, MMTA Bay State Piano Competition, and the American Protege International Piano Competition with performances at Carnegie Hall in NYC.

Heather has run a flourishing private piano studio for over 20 years, currently located in Jamaica Plain, MA. Previously she was Chair of the Piano Department (2004-2015), as well as a faculty member (2002-2014), at Indian Hill Music School in Littleton, MA. While there, she taught private students, chamber ensembles, performance workshops, and created important programming for students including The Honors Piano Competition, the Piano Certification Curriculum, and SummerDayMusic. Heather is an active member of NEPTA and MMTA, volunteering on several committees and as a board member, including State Representative for The Royal Conservatory Development Program, MMTA Vice President for Membership, Judged Festival Repertoire Committee member, Judged Festival Chair, and MMTA President Elect, before becoming MMTA President in 2020.. Previously, she served as the Assistant Director of the Piano Preparatory Division at Walla Walla University, WA. Heather is also in demand as an adjudicator for competitions and evaluations, and giving masterclasses for local teachers.

Winner of the Oregon East Symphony Concerto Competition in 1999, with Scriabin's Concerto in F-sharp minor, Heather's performance experience also includes: recitals of Spanish piano and guitar music with husband Will Riley; soloist with the Indian Hill Chamber Orchestra; plus numerous solo and chamber recitals in the Boston area, California, Texas, and Washington.

She holds a B.M., Piano Performance, summa cum laude, Walla Walla University; and M.M., Piano Performance, The Boston Conservatory. Principal teachers: Leonard Richter & Jonathan Bass.