

# **Emily Gillespie, Soprano, Educator**

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## **Education**

Bachelor of Arts

Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, CT | 2018-2022

Concentration in Vocal Performance | Dr. Emily Riggs

## **Teaching Experience**

Beginner Piano Teacher

Guitar Center, New London, CT | 2021

- Planned and instructed weekly lessons in beginner piano and music theory
- Worked with students of all ages and backgrounds

Private Studio Teacher

Freelancing, Lebanon, CT | 2015-2020

- Instructed beginner musicians in piano, voice, and contemporary guitar
- Planned weekly lessons, practice regiments, and music theory quizzes
- Organized and hosted biannual recitals

Choral Assistant and Conductor

Lebanon Middle School, Lebanon, CT | 2017-2018

- Instructed music theory under supervision of Mrs. Emily MacKenzie
- Taught two songs and conducted a concert
- Prepared and presented lessons every other week in music theory concepts

## **Additional Training**

Attended Master's Degree Course in Vocal Pedagogy with Carol Mastrodomenico at Longy School of Music of Bard College, Cambridge MA (2022)

Attended Opera Viva! in Verona, Italy for opera and musical theater voice instruction (2022)

Attended Opera Viva! Online (2021)

One year of conducting instruction with Dr. David Belles, at Eastern Connecticut State University (2021)

Four years of piano instruction with Dr. David Ballena, at Eastern Connecticut State University (2018-2022)

Alexander Technique Masterclass with Lori Schiff (2019)

## **Performances**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Concert Series soloist, 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church in Glastonbury, CT | 2022

Eastern Connecticut State University, performed the role Gretel in "Hansel and Gretel" | 2022

Eastern Connecticut State University, duet singer in Vivaldi's "Gloria" | 2021

Eastern Connecticut State University, soloist in Handel's "Messiah" | 2021

Eastern Connecticut State University, performed the role Belinda in "Dido and Aeneas" | 2021

**Accomplishments**

Eastern Music Program's Honors Recital 2022

Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, CT | 2022

Dr. Davis and Martha Yutzey Scholarship for Musical and Academic Excellence

Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, CT | 2021

Eastern Music Program's Honors Recital 2021

Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, CT | 2021

Presentation of research paper: The Origins and Purposes of Sea Shanties in the United Kingdom

COPAC conference for undergraduate research (online) hosted by Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, CT | 2020

Freshman Academic Excellence Scholarship

Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, CT | 2018

**Hobbies and interests**

- Freelancing as a folk musician in the Eastern CT area
- Writing original indie-folk songs
- Teaching private studio lessons