## Karen Stirnitzke - Piano & Flute Instructor

Karen Stirnitzke have been teaching at Music Quarters since August 2017 teaching piano and flute. She has quickly grown her student base and families love her bubbly, friendly, and down-to-earth personality!

Karen began her musical education as a recorder student at the grand old age of 8. Next, she became a flute student at the age of 10 and has been playing for over 30 years. She continued her musical education through college receiving an Associate in Fine Arts in Music from Wayne Community College (1994) and a Bachelor of Arts in Music from University of North Carolina at Wilmington (1999).

With previous teaching skills, Ms. Karen has taught flute and recorder lessons, beginning piano, and has tutored in music history and theory. She was the Weekday School Music Specialist and Director of the Grace Notes Choir at Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC. Karen Stirnitzke was the Music Specialist at Thales Academy and is currently the music teacher at a newly formed Charter School in Monroe, NC.

Since teaching at Music Quarters, Karen has been helping many flute students prepare for auditions and fine tune their playing skills. She is also help many of her students prepare to audition with local and area youth orchestras.

Karen's piano students have been participating for the past couple of years in the National Federation of Music Clubs and receiving top ratings by the judges. She teaches beginner to Advanced Level 4 piano students and strives to build their fundamental skills focusing on music theory and note recognition but always creates a fun learning atmosphere for every student.

Ms. Karen uses music to nurture the bond with families that will last for generations!

