

Meet Mrs. Kieran Kaczmarek!

Kieran began her musical journey in a church in Louisville, KY. At the age of three she participated in singing and dancing to Christian music. While still participating in the church she began Suzuki violin lessons at the age of seven. In the time that she was taking violin lessons she fell deeply in love with classical music. In middle and high school she attended the best performing arts schools in the state of Kentucky, then went on to study music therapy with minors in psychology and violin pedagogy at the University of Louisville. After completion, she moved to Charlotte, NC with her husband Sean and attended Valley City State University, receiving her BA in Music. During this time she played violin for Opera Carolina. One year later she decided to attend the University of North Carolina at Charlotte where she received her BA in Japanese simply because she enjoys the culture.

Kieran's teaching career kicked off when she was just 15. Under the guidance of her own private teacher she began to learn how to instruct children of young ages how to play violin before continuing on with a university focus. In her various degree programs, Kieran also gained experience teaching children with disabilities such as autism and ADHD while teaching neurotypical children and adults across multiple musical education studios.

She received her certifications to teach Suzuki violin at the University of Louisville and Ithaca College. Kieran is very passionate about teaching music through the Suzuki method, but understands each child is different and may need a different approach. She also welcomes students who work better with the traditional method (sometimes called the "standard method"). Their primary differences are that the Suzuki method is an ear training method, while the traditional approaches the child with music reading and theory from the start and then incorporates the violin.

Kieran is proud to join Music Quarters! She will be offering violin, piano and ukulele lessons. Kieran believes in Dr. Suzuki's philosophy that "Every child can!" and incorporates a loving and supportive environment for her students of any age.