

# REGAN HEATHER RUSSELL

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## EDUCATION

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Doctor of Musical Arts in Collaborative Piano Performance | Boston University January 2023  
Graduate Assistant in Collaborative Piano, Symphonic Chorus, Boston University Singers  
Dissertation, "Love in a Life: The Art Songs of Gena Branscombe"

Master of Music in Collaborative Piano Performance, Pi Kappa Lambda | Boston University May 2018  
Graduate Assistant in Collaborative Piano, Opera Scenes, Boston University Singers

Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance, *Summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa | Washington State University May 2016  
Honors College  
Thesis, "Musical Impressions: Depictions of Water in Debussy's *Reflets dans l'eau* and Ravel's *Jeux d'eau*"

- Pass with Distinction, approved for publication in WSU Library Research Exchange (Fall 2015)

### Principle Teachers (Piano)

Shiela Kibbe, Chair of Collaborative Piano, Boston University 2020-2021  
Dr. Javier Arrebola, Chair of Collaborative Piano *ad interim*, Boston University 2016-2020  
Dr. Jeffrey Savage, Associate Professor of Music, Washington State University 2012-2016  
Dr. Karen Savage, Associate Professor of Music, Washington State University 2012-2016

### Festivals

SongFest Summer Institute, The Colburn School, Los Angeles, CA June 2017

- Private coachings and public masterclasses with Graham Johnson, Martin Katz, Jake Heggie, Libby Larsen, Roberta Alexander, Susanne Mentzer, Alan Louis Smith, Kayo Iwama, Liza Stepanova, and more

Source Song Festival, Minneapolis, MN Summer 2021

- Worked in conjunction with a student singer and student composer to create and perform an original song setting of a poem by Joyce Sutphen, Minnesota's Poet Laureate

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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### Collaborative Piano Performance

- Vocal Coach and Pianist | BU Tanglewood Institute | Lenox, MA Summer 2019, 2020 (cancelled), 2022
- Staff Pianist | El Camino College | Torrance, CA 2022-Present
- Staff Pianist | Santa Monica College | Santa Monica, CA 2022-Present
- Pianist | Joanna Medawar Nacheff Singers | Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 2022-Present
- Staff Pianist | VOICES Boston Children's Choir | Brookline, MA 2018-2021
- Collaborative Pianist and Graduate Assistant | Boston University | Boston, MA 2016-2021
  - Worked with both vocalists and instrumentalists on a weekly basis in lessons and rehearsals, preparing for recitals, competitions, and studio performances
  - From March 2020-May 2021, responsibilities shifted to providing recorded accompaniment tracks to vocalists, and rehearsing over internet mediums (Zoom, JamKazam, Soundtrap)

### Opera and Musical Theater Performance

- Associations include: Opera on Tap, MassOpera, t.b.d.opera.projects, BU Opera Institute, Opera Coeur d'Alene, Washington State University Opera Workshop, El Camino College Opera Workshop, Hannon Theatre Company, Christian Community Theater (Coeur d'Alene), Christian Youth Theater (Spokane)
- Pianist and Musical Coach for *Three Decembers* | t.b.d.opera.projects | Boston, MA 2018-2019

### Music Direction

- Music Director | Hannon Theatre Company of Loyola High School | Los Angeles, CA Spring 2023
- Music Director | Parnassus Preparatory Academy | Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 2021-2022
  - Responsibilities included teaching all music classes, programming and preparing concerts (two per schoolyear), organizing curriculum, communicating with staff and parents, directing after-school choir, directing musical theater summer camp, playing for all concerts, and modelling core virtues
- Music Director and Pianist | Kidstock! Creative Theater | Winchester, MA Summer 2018
  - Responsibilities included teaching all music classes, composing original show tunes, improvising for dance classes and talent shows, playing for all performances, and artistic collaboration with other creative staff

### Private Piano Instruction

- Self-Employed Private Piano Instructor 2007-Present
- Piano Instructor and Accompanist | Cambridge Music Consortium | Cambridge, MA 2018-2021

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

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Keyboardist for Church Worship Band 2007-Present

- Combination of piano and synthesizer live performance
- Chord chart improvisation and transcribing by ear in a variety of musical styles

Pianist and Secretary for the Gena Branscombe Project 2020-Present

- Non-profit organization dedicated to the revival of music by Canadian American composer Gena Branscombe

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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### Music

Winner of the Boston University at Carnegie Hall Competition | 2020

- Performed Claude Debussy's "De rêve..." from *Proses Lyriques* with soprano Sarah Rogers

Collaborative Piano Departmental Award, Boston University | 2021

Presser Scholar Award, Washington State University School of Music | 2015

Top Ten Senior Award in Visual and Performing Arts, WSU | 2016

Outstanding Senior Award in Music, WSU College of Arts and Sciences | 2016

Winner of the Washington State University Concerto Competition | 2014

- Performed Maurice Ravel's *Piano Concerto in G Major, I. Allegramente* with WSU Symphony Orchestra

### Academic and Leadership

Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship, Washington State University Gamma Chapter | 2015

Dean's Award, Washington State University Honors College | 2016

- Recognizes graduating seniors who exemplify the mission and values of Honors: academic excellence, community service, evidence of dedication to others above self