

Desiree Hunter

Education- Bachelor of Music Education from University of Tennessee Knoxville and Masters of Music Education from Illinois State University

Teaching Experience- Private teaching since 2013, public school teaching since 2016

Instrument(s)- Beginner Piano, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass

Interests- Knitting, reading, cooking, playing with my two cats

Are you left/Right Handed? Right

Are you an Extrovert or Introvert? Introvert mostly, but with bursts of extroversion!

Age Preference- I love teaching any age!

Level Preference- For violin and viola, I love teaching beginners all the way to advanced students. For cello and double bass, I prefer beginners.

Favorite Series/Method- I am Suzuki trained (and prefer the method), but I firmly believe in the importance of reading music. I supplement with the Sound Innovations book at the beginning levels and various etude/scale/practice methods for intermediate and advanced students.

Dance/Movement Curriculum- Music and movement go hand in hand; you cannot have one without the other. It is important to move freely to truly experience all music has to offer!

At-Risk Teaching Abilities- I have extensive teaching experience with at-risk, English language learning, and special needs students in the orchestra classroom (5th-12th grades) as well as in a private lesson setting. I firmly believe that every child deserves whatever they need to be successful and I am happy to discuss accommodations and modifications!

A note from your teacher

While I want all of my students to be successful and find joy in music, I am more interested in them becoming world class citizens. Music teaches love, compassion, kindness, teamwork, and so much more! We need more of all of that in the world and playing the violin is just an added bonus!

About the teacher

Desiree was born and raised in Nashville, TN. She graduated with a Bachelors of Music Education from the University of Tennessee in 2015 and then a Masters of Music Education from Illinois State University in 2017. Desiree taught orchestra in public schools for a few years in Illinois and Tennessee, but wants to focus more on growing her private studio now. She was a founding member of the Daraja Music Initiative string program in Moshi, Tanzania in 2015 and has spent over 6 months spread over the past few years teaching Suzuki-style and orchestral strings to students aged 4 to 21. When not teaching, Desiree can be found knitting a sweater or two, reading young adult fantasy novels, cooking for her friends and family, or playing with her two adorable black cats named Bucket and Ladle!

Desiree is looking forward to working with the students of the Music Staff Studio and cannot wait to see what we all accomplish together!

