

Mark Herrera
Private Piano

I began studying piano at age five and started composing my own music shortly thereafter. In my youth I was a member of the Certificate of Merit Program and played in the jazz ensemble at my local high school. I always loved music, but it was not until my college years that I decided to make it my career. I currently hold my Bachelor's of Music Degree



from Cal State University Fullerton where I studied under Grammy Award winning pianist Bill Cunliffe. I have performed at many CSUF concerts, Jazz Festivals, and at local venues such as steamers Jazz Club. In my most recent endeavors I have also been writing music for film and video games.

At CSUF I enjoyed studying both classical and jazz as part of my degree requirement. . However, it is hard for me to say that I like one style of music better than another, I really just love music all together. I have seen that there is something to be learned from all genres of music and always new inspirations to be found.

Through my years of teaching I learned that staying open minded has helped me a great deal. I always try to encourage students to learn music that they enjoy and to express their own personalities -whether it is through writing music, improvising, or playing their favorite songs. It is always a great experience for me to watch students gain confidence and grow as musicians.