The following staff biographies are for camps running July 6 to August 28, 2020. Camps take place over Zoom Video Calls.
Erika Folnović is an artist and educator from Regina, SK. She holds a Bachelor of Education (Visual Art major, Music minor) and BA in Visual Art with great distinction from the University of Regina. Before working at the Conservatory in her current role, Erika held positions at the MacKenzie Art Gallery (Gallery Facilitator, Enbridge Young Artist Program Instructor, Art at Your Door Instructor), Regina Public Schools (CREATE Artist), and Conservatory of Performing Arts (Story to Stage, Senior Glee, and Claymation Camp Instructor and Take Centre Stage and Senior Glee Instructor). Currently, as the Program Coordinator at the Conservatory, she is responsible for the management, administration, and coordination of all group programs offered through the centre including Preschool, day camps, and group music, dance, drama, and visual arts courses.

In addition to her work at the Conservatory, she is also a practicing artist. Erika works mainly in ink, watercolour, and fibre. Her illustrations have been published in books by DriverWorks Ink (Regina, SK), the Canadian Art Teacher (CSEA) and Every Bite Affects the World (FriesenPress). Erika also grew-up singing in choirs, has her RCM Grade 2 in theory and Grade 6 in piano, and Level 1 Orff Certification. She loves music!

In her spare time, Erika volunteers her time as the Executive Director of Regina’s Art Supply Exchange, Inc., which is currently run in partnership with the Creative City Centre. This second hand art supply initiative, which she helped found in 2015 with CARFAC Saskatchewan, is a Creative Reuse Centre dedicated to diverting art supplies from the landfill by placing them at low cost into the hands of creative people and organizations. She also volunteers her time as a radio host at CJTR Regina’s Community Radio on the show Daebak on Friday nights.
Biography: Jennifer was born and raised in Regina, Saskatchewan, and has loved anything to do with art and creativity from a young age. To pursue a love of reading and literature, Jennifer joined the English program at the University of Regina in 2017, and she is hoping to obtain a Bachelor of Arts in English with a minor in Indigenous Studies, as well as a Certificate in Nonprofit Sector Leadership and Innovation, and an after degree in Secondary Education. With this, she hopes to be an English teacher in Adult Education. Jennifer chose to join the Cooperative Education Program at the U of R in 2019, and is thrilled to have been given the opportunity to assist with the Conservatory Summer Creative Camps. This year, her work term will allow her to take part in assisting with all of the fall programming offered at the Conservatory. She is very much looking forward to meeting all of the aspiring artists attending the Creative Camps.

Between working and studying, Jennifer loves to spend time with her daughter, bake for her family, crochet, and read.
Biography: Often hailed as a visual art ninja, Toby “Cougar” Anderson graduated from The Alberta College of Art & Design in 2001 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Sculpture. Toby has been consistently exhibiting his visual awesomeness in group and solo shows for over the past decade. Born and raised in Saskatchewan, yet relatively new to the Regina Arts community, Toby returned to the Land of Living Skies with his new young family in tow. After spending thirteen years in Calgary as well as two and a half in South Korea, Toby gained over 5 years of teaching experience. Working with various age groups as well as working within gallery, studio and artist run center environments Toby has a history of strong community involvement. Toby has taught children's art classes for the city of Calgary as well as for the Alberta College of Art and Design and the Mackenzie Art Gallery. For the past 5 years he has worked with the Regina Board of Education's "Create" program as a visiting artist facilitating awe inspiring art projects with humor and enthusiasm. Taking inspiration in popular culture phenomenon such as animation, robots, ninjas, skulls, luchadors, monsters, rock & roll, Tiki-modern, comics and movies, Toby's work is often colorful, humorous, complex, filled with strange characters, surreal landscapes and eccentric narratives.
Biography: Renée grew up in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan and began studying the classical guitar at the age of 9 under the instruction of Jean-Laurent Fournier. She began teaching in her high school years and decided to pursue post-secondary guitar studies in Saskatoon with Ben Schenstead. She obtained a Bachelor Music in Music Education with Distinction from the University of Saskatchewan in 1997, teaching at the Schenstead School of Music during her time in Saskatoon, and then working as a guitar teacher in Calgary before settling in Regina in 1999. Renée has been teaching in Regina since 2000 and at the Conservatory of Performing Arts since 2015.

Renée also has an extensive background in choral music as a member of the Concordia University of Edmonton choir and the Greystone Singers at the U of S. With nearly 30 years of teaching experience, Renée is currently a guitar instructor at the Conservatory of Performing Arts, teaching private lessons, adult Campfire Guitar classes, and Conservatory Creative Camps. Her passion is teaching and she delights in working with students of all ages and skill levels.

In her spare time, Renée loves spending time with her husband and four nearly-grown children, drinking great coffee, and listening to an eclectic range of music.
Biography: Paul Dechene is the co-host of the Queen City Improvement Bureau, a local affairs/city politics show which has aired every Thursday for the past four years on 91.3FM CJTR. He is also a contributor to CJTR’s morning kids program Imagine This and produced Radio Kids for two years. Paul also covers city hall for Prairie Dog magazine, does communications for his local community association and is raising two awesome kids who claim they aren’t getting fed up with being roped into helping with his various radio projects.
Biography: Megan has the heart of a teacher, and she has been teaching music since 1995. She has performed throughout North America, most notably at Walt Disney World Resort's Epcot Center in Orlando, Florida. Also, she earned Gold at a Montreal competition. Megan also enjoys musical theatre and Regina audiences will recall her performances in Von Trapped! (Maria), and The Rocky Horror Show Live (Magenta). Her operatic roles include Hansel and Gretel (Gretel) and she has several local IMDB film credits. Megan obtained an Associate diploma from the Royal Conservatory of Music in 1997, and she has continued to expand her musical skills and interests. Her newest instruments are the turntables and she performs at many local venues.
Biography: Jessica Henrion is a graduate of the University of Regina with a Bachelor of Education, specializing in secondary education with a major in English and minor in Drama. Jessica has instructed a variety of camps and classes for the Conservatory of Performing Arts including Showtime, Junior Glee, Senior Glee, and Story to Stage. Jessica strives to continue to learn and grow within the arts field by taking dance classes, as well as teaching herself ukulele and piano. Jessica’s love to work with children doesn’t stop at the Conservatory though! You can also find Jessica teaching in Alameda, Sk. Jessica is also very passionate about mental health awareness and spends her free time volunteering with Jack.org. For fun Jessica enjoys spending time with her gecko and bearded dragon or training her shit-zhu poodle. She also loves to relax with friends by going to karaoke or playing hobby board games.
Biography: Tammy Kelln has taught children of all ages for many years. Relationship and community are key to her teaching philosophy. Her passion for teaching is evident in the enthusiasm and energy she brings to every learning experience.

Tammy is a Learning Resource teacher with Regina Public Schools. She has a Bachelor of Education Degree, Certificate in Inclusive Education, and a Certificate in Adult Education. She has taken four modules of Next Level Leadership and received a certificate. Tammy has worked with the Conservatory of Performing Arts for the last five years, planning and teaching various camps including, Arts Explorer, Story to Stage, and Creative Kids AM/PM Preschool camp. She has also taught Sunday school for over 10 years in her community church. Tammy taught children with music, crafts, and storytelling. This work extended into several Vacation Bible Schools over the summer months.

Arts and music education is an important part of Tammy’s family life. For over eight years, Tammy and her four daughters have been involved in the music community in Regina, taking Suzuki Piano and Juventus Choir.

Tammy enjoys spending time with family and friends, running, yoga, Pilates, travelling, art journaling, and creative writing.
Senior Glee, Pop Idols, and Scriptwriting Instructor: Katie Nadoroznicks

**Biography:** Katie was born in Regina, Saskatchewan and has lived in Regina her entire life. She began dance lessons when she was just three years old, continued dancing for 13 years, and has her grade 5 ballet. In high school, Katie took many drama and visual arts classes as well as was on the cheerleading team, as she found dancing and creating to be passions of hers. Katie has just received her Arts Education degree from the University of Regina, with a concentration in secondary Literature. Throughout her postsecondary schooling, Katie had the opportunity to learn much more about all strands of art. She had galleries filled, creative dance and choreography practice, created narrative through movement, learned new instrument’s and volunteered. During her internship, Katie was one of the GSA leaders, she conducted a band and choir, taught arts classes, and taught drama and dance. Katie has assisted the Senior Glee fall program for two years and assisted in the summer camp program in 2019. Katie is so excited to be instructing all the amazing artists that attend the Conservatory Creative Camps!

In her spare time, she enjoys creative writing, reading, yoga, dancing and painting.
Visual Art and Showtime Instructor: Vanessa Nezamloo

**Biography:** Vanessa holds an AB Speech and Theatre Arts degree and a Masters in Education. She was a former Theatre Arts and Speech Communication teacher at Silliman University in the Philippines. She has directed stage plays such as Into the Woods (a musical comedy fairy tale mashup in two acts), Private Lives, New Yorker in Tondo, Teen Angel, Trysting Place, Women of the Bible Monologues, among others. Vanessa started teaching at the Conservatory of Performing Arts in the spring of 2016 and has taught a variety of theatre classes since then. These include, The Olympians (Stage Combat and Fight Choreography), Creative Drama Studio, Story to Stage, and Showtime. Stage Combat class performances has a wide variety of themes, from medieval black death, to Spanish conquistadores, gladiators, and others. Creative Drama Studio’s brainstorming leads them to perform a genre and an original story created by the kids themselves, each story different from other previous classes. A few of the plays she directed for Showtime includes, 1-Act copyrighted plays like 10 Ways to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse, and most recently, What Happens After Once Upon a Time.

**Fun Facts About this Instructor:** She loves theatre, dancing, arts and crafts, and home DIY projects. She once dreamed of directing the musical-comedy 'Into the Woods', and writing a book, both seemed farfetched, but both came true 2 years before leaving Philippines for Canada (dreams do come true if you persist, wait, and believe).
Biography: Lori Potter has a Bachelor of Education in Music and French, RCM 10 Piano and Associateship in Piano Performance with Distinction from Trinity College of London, England.

Lori has taught Royal Conservatory of Music Piano, Theory, Harmony, History and Contemporary Vocal classes for over 35 years and taught classroom choir in schools. She has recorded 2 Cd's as songwriter, vocalist and pianist with her church.

Lori is currently the Director of Conservatory Adult Choir and an Adjudicator with SMFA as well as an Instructor of Conservatory Creative Summer Piano, Songwriting, Choral and Jr. Glee Camps.

Mrs. Potter loves teaching music to all ages, coaching her budding musicians to grow into accomplished performers. It's all about sharing the gift of music!

Fun Facts About this Instructor: Lori loves going to the beach, riding horses and New York!
Biography: Katlyn Redding has taught 6-12 band, choir and music classes for over a decade. She finished her masters degree in music at the U of R in April 2019. Katlyn has taught with the creative summers camps for many years and they are always the highlight of her summer. Aside from teaching music, Katlyn is co-owner of a musical theatre company and enjoys spending time with her dog Ginny. She is really looking forward to this new digital adventure with summer camps and is excited to work with the campers again!

Fun Facts About this Instructor: She LOVES sushi, she is originally from Victoria, British Columbia, and her favourite colour is glitter!
Senior Glee and Pop Idols Instructor: Karen Rose

Biography: With over 35 years of experience, Karen Rose is a director, choreographer, actor, teacher and dancer. A graduate of the Simon Fraser University School for the Performing Arts, Ms. Rose received her Bachelor of Arts in Dance, with a minor in Theatre. Ms. Rose has received many awards and grants, including The Canada Council, The Saskatchewan Arts Board, and The Conseil des Arts et Lettres du Quebec. Her works have been commissioned and presented by companies, festivals and presenters in cross Canada, Australia and the UK. Her most recent film, ‘Helenka’ has screened worldwide. On the theatre stage she has performed roles from Chekhov to Shakespeare to Tremblay to comedy improv, and has directed, including “The Complete Works of William Shakespeare.” Film lead roles include ‘3 Days’ and ‘Travesty Towers.’ Other films, video, and commercials have also played a role in her repertory. Voice and Speech Training include work with Cicely Berry (The Royal Shakespeare Company), Patsy Rodenburg (Royal National Theatre), Shakespeare’s Voice and The National Voice Intensive. She has studied theatre at The Actors Studio (London, England) The National Theatre School, and the Vancouver Film School. Karen is the Senior Glee, and Advanced Glee instructor at the Conservatory of Performing Arts. She creates a open, safe and fun environment for kids to learn and grow as young artists in the disciplines of voice, singing, acting and dance. She inspires and welcomes all their unique gifts of individual creativity, nourishing everyone’s own talents, honouring the ensemble, that results in an exciting final production. Also high on her list when instructing, is teaching respect, kindness and a love for the performing arts.

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Mask Making & Puppetry, Wizarding World, Creative Storytelling, In The Spotlight, and Explore & Create Instructor: Kayla Rourke

Biography: Kayla is so happy to be working with the Conservatory of Performing Arts again! After a few awesome years of doing summer camps, she moved to Saskatoon where she works as a substitute art teacher, and a gallery facilitator at Remai Modern. She loves Saskatoon, but missed the camps so much! She studied Arts Education at the University of Regina, and loves teaching drama, art, and music! She has coached improv, directed plays, and taught camps of all kinds. In the past, she has taught Improv, Behind the Scenes, Wonderful Wizarding World, and Run, Explore, Create! She is looking forward to spending the summer having fun and creating great memories!

Fun facts: She has a ferret, she is currently obsessed with Animal Crossing, and she is a Hufflepuff!
Biography: Sara Salazar is a costume designer and educator from San Antonio, Texas. She immigrated to Canada in 2005 and became a Canadian citizen in 2015. She holds a Bachelor of Education in the Arts with a concentration in Drama and graduated from the University of Regina with great distinction in 2019.

Sara’s passion for costume began at the young age of twelve and has continued to grow and evolve with her over time. She is currently sharing and teaching her passion for sewing and costume to youth through the art of Cosplay. She is also the founder of two clubs, Cosplayers Anonymous and The SWC Cosplay Club.

Sara truly believes that sewing is a trade skill that can be brought back to life through the art of Cosplay.

She loves theatre, music and working with youth! Her most recent experience working as the Costume Manager for The Wizard of Oz at Sheldon-Williams Collegiate has only further reinforced her passion and love for theatre.

Fun Facts about this Instructor: Sara loves animals and has a rescued Pembroke Welsh Corgi named Ein. She also loves to bake, knit and write.
Biography: I was born in Happy Valley, Labrador and grew up in Moose Jaw and Regina. I attended The University of Regina, where I completed my Arts Education degree with a major in Visual Art and a minor in English. I have been teaching for nine years, and am currently teaching at James Hamblin School in Qu’Appelle. I became a teacher because I love encouraging my students to become life-long learners, and to freely express themselves.

I have my Grade 8 Royal Conservatory Piano certification, and have taught piano for many years. I did Tap, Jazz and Ballet at Dance Images in Moose Jaw, and Dance Plus in Regina for over a decade, and continued on with Modern Dance classes at the U of R as well. I have also helped with set design and assisted in directing and performing in multiple school drama performances. In my spare time, I love to cook, create art, travel, read, and play beach volleyball. I am very excited to be teaching here at the Conservatory again this summer in this brand new virtual way!
Creative Drama Studio Instructor: Jessica Walcott

**Biography:** Jessica Walcott is a grade 6 French Immersion teacher in the city of Regina. She holds a B.Ed in secondary education and a B.A. in French with a minor in theatre from the University of Regina.

Jessica has been a team member and assistant coach in the Canadian Improv Games League as well as an actor in several musical theatre productions such as: FAME, West Side Story, CATS, Guys and Dolls and more!

In her free time Jessica likes to travel around the world, sing, dance, paint and go on bike rides with her family!
Kung Fu Instructor: Yun Wu

**Biography:** Yun Wu works as Language Instructor at the Confucius Institute, University of Regina. She teaches beginner and intermediate Chinese classes. She has also been responsible for the delivery of Spring/Summer camps by the Confucius Institute. On the weekends, Yun teaches kindergarten students at the local Chinese school. Yun is a patient and passionate teacher who enjoys working with students of varied ages.

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CAMP ASSISTANTS & VOLUNTEERS
Camp Assistant: Trevor Flemings

**Biography:** Trevor is currently a third year student at the University of Regina pursuing an undergraduate degree in Piano Performance. Apart from his study time, Trevor is an active artist and performer within Regina, being most often found involved in various performance art and improvisation projects within the city. Most notably, he has recently been involved with multiple collaborative music and media projects, as well as having taken part in the Canadian National Youth Choir's 2018 tour of Newfoundland and Labrador. Trevor is very excited to return to working with the Conservatory Creative Camps for my second year in a row, and he hopes to see some familiar faces!

**Fun Facts About this Assistant:**

- At one time while living on a farm I owned over 60 tame cats, all with their own name.
- I have lived all over Canada and have been to over a dozen schools during my childhood.
- During high school I went on multiple volunteer trips to Ecuador and India to help on school build projects.
Camp Assistant: Alexina Galera

**Biography:** Alexina is a student at the University of Regina pursuing a degree in the BEd Arts Education program. Her concentration focus is Visual Art and this coming Fall she will be in her fourth year. Born and raised in Regina, Sk, Alexina has come to love art and dance. Throughout high school she has participated in all grade levels of art, including AP Art and her favourite medium to use is acrylic paint and conte. Her love of dance springs from the cultural Filipino dancing she has been participating in for about 9 years. Alexina has been performing with The Maharlika Dance Group of Regina and has experience teaching and leading in the past 5 years in cooperation with others. She enjoys working with any age group and is excited to be part of the Conservatory Creative Camps this year.
Biography: Kathleen is an English student at the University of Regina. Outside of school she teaches private piano and flute lessons. She has worked as a Kindermusik teacher and as youth choir conductor. Kathleen loves to read, especially fantasy novels, and loves to make music. She is very excited to meet all the campers this year and can’t wait to get to know them.
Camp Assistant: Emily Kelln

Biography: Emily Kelln is a devoted student entering the fourth year of her Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance degree. Since a young age she has been an active member of the Regina musical community. She is originally from Vibank, Saskatchewan, and is the oldest of four children. For the last six years she has worked at summer camps and in 2018 she was the director of Camp Monahan. She has worked at the conservatory camps for over four years and loves seeing the children embrace creativity. She is excited that camps are continuing online this year!
Biography: Katherine is currently entering her fifth year of Piano Performance at the University of Regina. Additionally, she is an English minor. Outside of school, Katherine works with the Child/Parent Strings program at the Conservatory, and she tutors music theory to university students. Although music is her main form of artistic expression, she has come to love all varieties of art. She hopes that she can pass down her love of art and learning to her students, and that one day they can find joy in creativity.

This summer will be Katherine’s 6th summer with the camp. She looks forward to welcoming back old campers and getting to know the new ones who will be joining us this summer.

Fun Facts About this Assistant: Katherine is really bad at video games, likes to colour her hair different colours, and loves to watch candy making videos.
Camp Assistant: Melissa Schroeder

**Biography:** Melissa was born and raised in Regina, Saskatchewan, and is currently a student at the University of Regina. She is heading into her final year in the BEd Arts Education program and her concentration is on Visual Arts. Although she loves painting and drawing, she is also developing skills in other areas of art, ranging from blacksmithing to origami. She has had a taste for theater since high school and spent 3 years as a stage manager. She has also had the opportunity to learn from the brilliant stage managers at Regina Little Theater. She is ecstatic to be working with the Conservatory of Performing Arts again this year and loves working with all of the aspiring artists and performers.
Biography: William is from small town Vibank Saskatchewan and is currently in his third year of his bachelor of Fine Arts majoring in Visual Arts. William has become well versed in many art visual forms including Print making, Sculpting, drawing, digital art and painting. William loves showing others what he has learned about in all forms of art. William also comes from a very artistic family and grew up being encourage to explore the world through an artistic lens. William loves working with children and has done lots of volunteering with children in the past including, coaching youth soccer, and helping in the kindergarten room in high school. William loves expressing himself creatively and encouraging other to do so also. William’s goal is to eventually teach Visual Arts at a university level.

Fun Facts About this Assistant: William loves animals and has a dog named Samwise. William is also very nerdy and loves Lord of the Rings, books, movies, video games, Marvel and other comic books.