The following staff biographies are for camps running July 4 to August 24, 2018. Camps take place at the University of Regina Main Campus, 3737 Wascana Parkway, Regina, SK.
Camp Assistant: Alaina Houston

**Biography:** Alaina was born in Winnipeg but has lived in Regina for most of her life. She has been involved in music all her life. She started piano lessons at the age of 6, started playing French horn in grade 6 and played it through her elementary and high school concert bands as well as her high school's wind ensemble. Alaina also started playing trumpet at the age of 13 for her school's jazz band and played it till she graduated high school. She was also involved in the community choir Cantate for 8 years. Alaina currently goes to the University of Saskatchewan for Civil Engineering but still plays her instruments in her free time.
Visual Art 101 & Creative Camps Instructor: Amanda Stecyk

**Biography:** I was born in Happy Valley, Labrador and grew up in Moose Jaw and Regina. I attended Sacred Heart, St. Josaphat, Riffel High school, and The U of R, where I completed my Arts Education degree with a major in Visual Art and a minor in English. I have taught at Riffel, O’Neill, Sedley, and I have been a grade 1/2 teacher at James Hamblin School in Qu’Appelle for the past three years. 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 teach Paint Night classes, do promotional and modelling work for various companies, travel, run, attend concerts, and play beach volleyball. I am very excited to be teaching here at the Conservatory again this summer!
Camp Facilitator: Colin Johansen

Colin is a third-year psychology student at the University of Regina. He is an all-around performer, being involved in various theatre projects at Luther High School, the University of Regina, and around the community. He has also been featured in several choirs, including the Luther Advanced Vocal Ensemble and the University of Regina Chamber Choir. He recently volunteered as a choir buddy/ creative technologies tutor at the university. Colin is super excited for this opportunity at the Conservatory Creative Camps, being able to merge his love of the arts with teaching/helping others. When he’s not studying or performing, Colin enjoys listening to music, playing video games, and playing drums for Regina’s local rock-fusion band Opal Stone.

Fun Facts about the Facilitator: Colin has been to Mexico for a school trip, can name all the capital cities of the world, and can flip his tongue sideways (on both sides).
Biography: Karen Jarowicz is a complete and total Drama nerd. She has been this way since birth, and it has worked out pretty well for her so far. Karen has a B.F.A. in Theatre Performance from the University of Regina, a B. Ed. in Arts Education from the University of Regina, and studied Acting for Film and Television at Vancouver Film School. Karen spent six wonderful years in Vancouver, performing in Hoarse Raven Theatre’s *Tony n’ Tina’s Wedding*, and laughed her way through two hilarious seasons as a performer and director of Vancouver’s sketch comedy and variety show, *Sketch Club*. Karen was born in Regina and raised all over the prairies, and has been back in the Queen City since 2008. She performs around Regina as a singer, actor and director of theatre; writes plays, screenplays, poetry, and absorbs all kinds of creative inspiration from her work as an arts educator.

Fun Facts About this Instructor: As early as age 4, Karen was making up plays and subjecting her family to wild tales of adventure and mystery starring her sister and a bunch of teddy bears, when she grows up, she wants to be Wonder Woman, and she believes that nothing beats a well-made cheese pizza - it's the best!
**Biography:** Karen Rose is a choreographer, dancer, director, actor, and teacher. Since receiving her Bachelor of Arts in Dance from Simon Fraser University, her work has taken her across Canada and Europe. Her most recent film, ‘Helenka’ has screened worldwide. 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. She is the director of Company Karen Rose. Choreography has been presented by Tangente, New Dance Horizons (NDH), The Vancouver International Dance Festival, Dancing on the Edge (7 seasons/20th Anniversary), Guelph Contemporary Dance Festival (10th Anniversary), Dance on the Saskatchewan, The Canada Dance Festival, City on the Edge, Calgary Off The Edge, First Nations Fringe Festival, and the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Other presentations include Studio 303, Foufonne Electriques (Montreal), The Vancouver Fringe, The Montreal Fringe, The Firehall Arts Centre (Vancouver), Women in Crisis Fundraisers, and various other independent theaters across Canada and the UK. Choreography commissions include The Spirit Song Native Theatre Company, The University of Colchester, and YBCS. Other presentations include plays and musicals in London’s Off-West-end (Boys in the Bar), UK, Australia and various films and videos, including Much Music Canada. Dance Companies Ms. Rose has performed with include Kokoro Dance, Mascall Dance, La Compagnie de Monique Giard, Mappin Dance, Haraupin Hai, THEVARS, DtDE, and The William Louther Dance and Theatre Corporation. Karen has also worked with many notable independent choreographers, directors and artists. 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 Training include work with Cicely Berry (RSC), Patsy Rodenburg (RNT), and The National Voice Intensive. As a teacher, Karen had taught technique, improv, and composition across Canada, including the University of Waterloo, Dance Core (NDH), YBCS. GMD, Harbour Dance, and DtDE. See more: http://www.karenrose.ca
Biography: Katherine (also known as Katie) is going into her third year of piano at the University of Regina. While she is there, she enjoys taking piano lessons, performing in the music groups, and browsing the mysterious corner of the music library. After she is done at the University of Regina, she plans on attending more school so she can have more fun learning about music. Outside of school, Katherine performs with various music groups, tries to bake cookies, and looks for opportunities to expand her piano superpowers.

This summer will be Katherine’s 4th year as an assistant at the camp. She looks forward to welcoming back old campers and getting to know the new campers 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: Kathleen Houston

**Biography:** Hi! My name is Kathleen Houston. I’m a third-year education student at the University of Regina. I also teach private lessons for flute and piano with Custom Music Lessons. In addition to playing instruments I also love to sing, especially in choirs. Prior to this I’ve assisted with the camps multiple times and taught a couple of the camps as well. I love working with kids of all ages and I can’t wait to meet all the campers this summer.
Behind the Scenes & Partner Camps Instructor: Katlyn Redding

Biography: Katlyn Redding is a Grade 6-12 band, choir, jazz and rhythm and blues band teacher in three schools just east of Regina during the school year. In her role at Greenall Katlyn has been the musical director for 5 musicals, so she is really excited to work with the Behind the Scenes Campers to support the Glee and other productions. In addition to teaching Katlyn is also a working musician and working on her Masters Degree at the U of R majoring in Instrumental and Choral conducting. In her free time Katlyn likes to craft, tap dance, read, paint, cook and spend time with her friends.

Fun Facts About this Instructor: She LOVES sushi, she is originally from Victoria, British Columbia, and her favourite colour is glitter!
Biography: Hi! I’m Kayla Gelowitz! This summer I will be teaching your children in Improv, Run, Explore, Create, Wonderful Wizarding World, or a Conservatory Creative Camp! I am thrilled to be here at the Conservatory working creatively with your fabulous children.

A little bit about me... I am a graduate of the Arts Education program at the University of Regina, with a Drama Concentration. I have been working with youth in the arts for several years. I have worked in multiple school divisions, at the MacKenzie Art Gallery, with the Globe Theatre School and with the Al Ritchie Health Action Centre. Outside of this I also am a Paint Nite Artist!

I love performing, being creative, and above all, having fun. Thanks for bringing your children to camp with me this year!

Fun Facts About this Instructor: She has a funny little ferret, she loves to roller blade, and she has performed as a clown!
Showtime Instructor: Jessica Henrion

Biography: Jessica Henrion is a recent 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 and visual arts classes. Jessica’s love to work with children doesn’t stop at the Conservatory though! You can also find Jessica at Kare 4 Kids, a before and after school program, where she is the Supervisor of the White City program. Jessica is also very passionate about social justice initiatives and has recently been accepted to train to be a Jack Talks speaker!

Fun Facts About this Instructor: In her free time, you can find Jessica spending time with her gecko or training her shit-zhu poodle. She also loves to relax with friends by going to karaoke or playing hobby board games.
Junior Glee Instructor: Lori Potter

**Biography:** Lori Potter has her Bachelor of Education in Music and French, her RCM Grade 10 Piano and is currently attaining Associateship in Piano Performance with Trinity College of London, England.

Lori has taught Royal Conservatory of Music Piano, Theory, Harmony, History and Voice classes for over 30 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 accompanist for Juventus Choir as well as an instructor of Conservatory Creative Summer Choral and Jr. Glee Camps.

Mrs. Potter loves teaching music to all ages and enjoys performing, sharing the gift of music!

**Fun Facts About this Instructor:** Lori loves going to the beach, riding horses and New York!
Guitar Instructor: Renée Coghill

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.
Music Explorers Instructor: Rina Schmidt

Biography: Rina Schmidt grew up on a farm near Rockglen, Saskatchewan and took organ lessons from a young age. She began teaching and performing in her home town, then moved to Regina to study music and completed her Bachelor of Music from University of Regina in 2001. Rina has held Music Director positions at churches in Moose Jaw and Lethbridge, and currently holds the position of Organist at Westminster United Church in Regina. She has taught piano and organ lessons privately for over 20 years and has enjoyed teaching, accompanying and performing in both Saskatchewan and Alberta. Rina recently completed her Bachelor of Education from University of Regina with a major in Music Education and a minor in English Education and has been teaching K-5 music and science at Palliser Heights Elementary School in Moose Jaw. She has taught Choir, Arts Ed, Guitar, Vocal Jazz, English Language Arts, Musical Theatre, and many other subjects in classrooms with Prairie Valley School Division and Prairie South School Division. Rina is grateful to have had the opportunity to work with many different musicians and artists over the years. She is comfortable in many styles of music from classical pipe organ and piano repertoire, to gospel choral music, to 50's Rock and Roll. Students are always encouraged to find their own individual musical voice through improvising, composing and having the opportunity to try different styles of playing.

Fun Facts About this Instructor: Some of Rina's other projects include playing with the band "One Young'n," as keyboardist and vocalist. One Young'n is a five piece band that plays 50's and 60's Rock and Roll. Rina's also has a handmade line of jewellery called "Prairie Gypsy Jewellery," and loves working with healing crystals and doing custom orders. Rina has two wonderful children named Colwyn (in Grade 6) and Josephine (in Grade 5), two crazy cats named Blacky and Edna, and one cute dog named Bert!
Camp Assistant: Savannah Kosteniuk

**Biography:** Savannah is currently a student at the University of Regina, completing a major in socio-cultural anthropology and a double minor in visual art and art history. Before joining the conservatory Summer Camp Team, she worked at Briarpatch Magazine’s Regina headquarters and as a Teaching Assistant in the anthropology department. She is passionate about social justice and education and enjoys beading and drawing.

**Fun Facts About this Assistant:** She has camped in the Sahara desert and loves spontaneous dancing.
Creative Camp Instructor: Tammy Kelln

Biography: Tammy Kelln is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Education degree at the University of Regina. Alongside her degree she will graduate with a Certificate in Inclusive Education.

She is a mother of four daughters, all children take Suzuki Piano and have been in choral choir for the last 8 years.

Tammy has taught Sunday school for the last 15 years at her rural church. Tammy has enjoyed teaching Arts Explorer and Story to Stage at the Conservatory Creative Camps for the last two years.

Fun Facts About this Instructor: Tammy enjoys running, yoga, and pilates; she has four daughters that all sing in a choir and play piano; and she is a university student.
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.
Camp Assistant: Trevor Flemings

**Biography:** I am a current third year student at the University of Regina pursuing an undergraduate degree in Piano Performance. Apart from my study time I am an active artist and performer within Regina, being most often found involved in various performance art and improvisation projects within the city. Most notably recently I have 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. I am very excited to return to working with the Conservatory Creative Camps for my second year in a row, and I hope 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.
Drama Studio & The Olympians 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).
Camp Assistant: William Stoudt

**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.