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CAMP STAFF BIOGRAPHIES

The following staff biographies are for camps running July 4th - August 25th, 2023.



CONSERVATORY STAFF

Program Coordinator (Camp Principal): Erika Folnović



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 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. This secondhand 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 91.3FM CJTR Regina Community Radio on the show Daebak! on Friday nights.

Program Assistant (Camp Vice-Principal): Alixx Davidson



Alix Davidson is an interdisciplinary artist and administrator, born and raised on Treaty Four territory. They are currently pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts at University of Regina, majoring in Visual Art. Alixx works in all kinds of visual mediums, including (but not limited to!): soft sculpture/textiles, doll making, moldmaking/casting, digital art, printmaking, drawing, photography, collage, wire, creative coding, miniature/diorama, costume/prop making, makeup, and design. Alixx's work has been shown at the Fifth Parallel Gallery, The Woods Art Space, and The Art Gallery of Regina. Alixx is also a performer through and through, having studied theatre for over a decade. They especially love devised creation, site-specific theatre, and non-traditional theatre practices. They've performed at the Regina Fringe Festival (Dry, 2017) as well as the Globe Theatre Sandbox Series: Concord Floral (2019), Paper (2016) and Fusion: The Stay (2015).

Prior to the Conservatory, Alixx has been actively involved in the local arts community as artist, performer, administrator, and enthusiastic witness. Previously, they worked at Neutral Ground Artist-Run Centre as the Arts Coordinator for Swamp Fest (2020-21), they mentored under Berny Hi and Shaunna Dunn at Common Weal Community Arts (2019), and worked extensively with The Globe Theatre/Globe Theatre School in a variety of capacities since 2016 (Theatre School registrar, art sessional instructor, teaching assistant, box office, set construction, and briefly, an escape room Game Master).

As someone who spent their summers, weekends and evenings in arts camps, Alixx is truly excited and thankful to be a part of the Creative Camp team.

Fun Facts: loves video games, board games, puzzles, and D&D. Big fan of podcasts. Loves Geocaching. Collects interesting rocks and cool sticks. Would love to be a voice actor. Loves, loves, loves music (especially live).

Administrative Assistant: Virginia Hector



Virginia Hector is a second-year student at the University of King's College in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts with a combined honours in Contemporary Studies and Gender and Women's Studies. Virginia is very passionate about music, beginning her violin studies at the Conservatory of Performing Arts when she was three years old. In August 2020, Virginia achieved her ARCT in Violin Performance from the Royal Conservatory of Music. She loves ensemble music and has been a member of the South Saskatchewan Youth Orchestra, the Regina Symphony Orchestra, and the Sorriso String Quartet. In addition, she has sung in the Luther College Senior Choir and Advanced Vocal Ensemble. Virginia is an avid reader, and is very excited to be a member of the King's Literacy Society. Virginia cares deeply about creating a warm and welcoming environment for all campers, and she is so excited to meet all of the young artists in this year's Creative Camps!

Fun facts: Virginia likes to knit and crochet. She adores coffee with all her heart, and her favourite foods are chocolate and garlic. She's interested in philosophy and thinks thunderstorms and cardigans are both very cool



CAMP INSTRUCTORS

Alaina Majewski



Alaina Majewski is a substitute teacher with Regina Public and Regina Catholic Schools. She also teaches cello related activities at the Conservatory. Alaina holds a Bachelor of Education (Music Major, Inclusive Education Minor) with great distinction and a Bachelor of Music with distinction, both from the University of Regina, plus a Masters of Music from the University of Manitoba. She also has her A.R.C.T. in Cello Performance, Grade 10 Flute, Grade 8 Piano and A.R.C.T. Level Theory from the Royal Conservatory of Music. In her free time, Alaina enjoys learning new instruments (ukulele is the current project much to her dog Penny's dismay) and knitting.

Fun Facts: Alaina grew up going to the Conservatory Camps and is excited to be teaching Music Explorer this summer!

Alyssa Woolhether



Alyssa is a passionate and versatile musician and teacher with over 16 years experience on stage and 8 years experience teaching private and group classes. She holds a Master Degree in Music Performance and Literature from Western University (2019) and a Bachelor Degree in Music Performance from the University of Regina (2010). Alyssa has performed with various opera companies including Vera Causa Opera, MYOpera, Opera by Request, and Toronto City Opera. She has attended prestigious training programs including Opera NUOVA, Long Reach Opera Workshop, Accademia Europea Dell'Opera and SongStudio. Alyssa is also a successful cross genre vocalist, performing genres such as musical theatre, jazz and pop and performs her original pop/funk music under the pseudonym Lyssa with her band The Try-Tones. As a teacher, Alyssa couples functional voice training with vocal empowerment so that her students can build a loving relationship with their voice. Currently, Alyssa leads an active career as a performer, voice teacher and choir director while continuing to song-write.

Fun Facts about Alyssa: She enjoys snuggles from her cat Tamino (named after her favourite opera Prince), she is slightly addicted to Sims 4 and loves dance parties and painting with water-colours.

Amy Henrion



Amy was born and raised in a small town called Redvers a few hours southeast of Regina. She completed her Bachelor of Education from the U of R in 2016, and has been teaching in many different places since then. In her spare time, Amy enjoys painting, wood burning, drawing, reading, traveling and visiting with friends and family. She believes in the importance of being your own person and sharing that with the world!

Emily Kelln



Originally from Saskatchewan, Emily Kelln completed her Bachelor of Music Degree in Voice Performance at the University of Regina. She recently moved to Vancouver to continue studying with a Post-Graduate Music Artist Diploma at the Vancouver Academy of Music. Since a young age, she has been an active member of the Regina musical community. For the last eight 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 five years and loves seeing the children embrace creativity. She is excited that camps are continuing online and in-person this year!

Hannah Wildman



Hannah completed her Bachelor of Music Performance at the University of Regina in 2019. She currently teaches private music lessons in piano, voice, and percussion. Hannah has been involved in music from a young age, starting piano lessons at the age of 7. From there, she expanded her repertoire to include percussion, voice, and musical theatre. She has been a provincial finalist in the SMFA Music Festivals many times in each of those categories. Outside of teaching, she can be found performing as a Princess with Storybook Princess Parties (Cinderella, Aurora, Elsa) and teaching her dog tons of new tricks! Her dog Toby has recently received his advanced trick dog title. She is very excited to be a part of the camps at the conservatory this summer and can't wait to share the joys of music with all the young children

Jessica Henrion



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 been teaching for 3 years now, most recently having taught a year remote with PVSD. 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 is also very passionate about mental health awareness and spends her free time volunteering with Jack.org and Kids Help Phone. For fun Jessica enjoys spending time with her gecko and bearded dragon or training her Cockapoo, Kermit the dog. She also loves to relax with friends by going to karaoke or playing hobby board games.

Karl Baui



Karl Baui is returning for this year's summer camp! He graduated with a bachelor's Degree in Arts Education and is finishing his second degree in Fine Arts. Karl's been teaching for five years and is excited about his new position as a grade 5/6 classroom teacher this fall. Aside from his teaching career, his involvement in musicals such as SpongeBob the Musical, Hairspray, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, and many more highlights his love for performing arts. In his free time, you'll see Karl walking his new puppy, singing his heart out at a Karaoke bar, working out or watching a movie.

Overall, Karl Baui's diverse interests and experiences make him a well-rounded individual who can bring creativity, fun, and enthusiasm to the summer camp and his future classroom.

Katie Nadoroznick



Katie has a degree in Arts Education and works as a full time Arts Education teacher with Regina Public Schools. She has worked with the Conservatory for a number of years teaching dance, drama, and music programs. Katie was born and raised in Regina, Saskatchewan, and started dancing when she was 3. She is a classically trained ballet dancer, has been in multiple musicals in dancing roles, and worked tirelessly throughout her post-secondary education to learn new skills in drama and visual art. Katie is going into her 4th year of teaching Arts Education and has over the years put together many performances, directed band and choir, and has worked as a member of GSA's and allies groups. She is passionate about keeping the arts alive in our schools and our community. In her spare time, she enjoys yoga, dancing, painting, and creating. She can't wait to work with our young artists again this summer!

Katlyn Redding



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 year's 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!

Lori Potter



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, Jr. Glee and Music Explorer 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!

Melissa Schroeder



Melissa was born and raised in Regina, Saskatchewan. She recently graduated from the Arts Education with a concentration in 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 theatre 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 Theatre. 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.

Tahir Lawal



Tahir Muhammed Lawal is a thespian and lover of arts. He is a versatile artist as he holds a bachelor of Arts degree in Performing Arts from the University of Ilorin, Kwara State, Nigeria. He is currently taking a second degree in Film Production at the University of Regina, Canada. He was an at the Conservatory camps last year, and is excited to be a teacher this summer.

Toby Anderson



Toby “Cougar” Anderson is a visual art Ninja with 2 decades of teaching experience. He graduated from ACAD (now Alberta University of the Arts) in 2001 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Sculpture. Toby has exhibited his visual awesomeness in group and solo shows as well as creating many public and private murals and commissions for over the past decade.

Born and raised in Saskatchewan, he has lived in Regina for the past 14 years, after living in Calgary as well as South Korea. Although he's only middle aged, he's had the adventures of several lifetimes; petting cheetahs, was on a Korean Game show, etc.. travelling (some of) the world, and he's not even half done!

Toby has taught art with various age groups(2 to 92 years old) as well as working with youth and adults with developmental disabilities. He also has experience in gallery, studio and artist run center environments.

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 graphic, colorful, humorous, complex, filled with strange characters, surreal landscapes and eccentric narratives

Fun Facts: He has twin teenage sons, his ancestors were Vikings, wants to be a part-time cryptozoologist, has a kitty named Pearl, still buys C.D's and loves music & playing guitar



CAMP ASSISTANTS

Alyssa Nacional



Alyssa will be attending the University of Regina in the Fall pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Psychology. Being born and raised in Regina, SK, she developed an interest in music and dance from the age of 8. Alyssa has been involved with a folk-dancing group called The Maharlika Dance Group of Regina for eight years to keep in touch with her Filipino heritage. She has played the clarinet since Grade 6, participating in both elementary band and high school band. She will continue her music path in University. Alyssa is looking forward to meeting new people and having a successful summer.

Interesting facts about her: loves doing makeup, iced coffee is her favourite beverage, and often listens to podcasts



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Cora Lockert



Cora loves to perform, and has been for years. Dancing, singing and acting ever since she was small, she feels at home on the stage! Recently, she completed her Grade 7 voice exam and is working towards completing the requirements to teach singing. She's also been in competitive dance since the age of 3. Her favourite dance styles are hip hop, tap, contemporary, and musical theatre. She also has her Elementary CTDA tap exam with goals of having her teaching certificate. Along with that, Cora has taught ballet and tap to 3-5 year olds at Vibank Dance Expressions for the past 3 years. Cora is from the Vibank area, and grew up on a cattle farm. She loves the outdoors and regularly practices her singing outside with the cows.

Cora has volunteered with the camps in past and absolutely loved it, she's so excited to be an assistant this year. She is looking forward to meeting the campers and having a lot of fun.

Grace Kelln



Grace is a student at the University of Regina studying grade K-5 education. She has been a part of the arts since the age of 8, beginning her musical career by joining Juventus choir and piano. Grace has her Royal Conservatory of Music Grade 8 piano and her Grade 8 music theory. She recently began teaching piano at the Long & McQuade Lesson Centre and loves teaching and seeing her students progress and learn new skills. Grace has a love for all art and loves learning and creating new projects. She is very excited to meet all the amazing kids this summer and to have so much fun!

Laci Glennie



My name is Laci and I grew up in Southeast Saskatchewan in a small town called Carnduff. I finished my Bachelor's of Education this past April and have been subbing ever since. I have experience as a Tutor, ADHD coach, and as an Academic Strategist. My first teaching contract will take place this coming fall as a senior English teacher! I love working with and educating youth and I cannot wait to spend my summer growing my campers love of the arts!



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Oluwatimileyin "Timmy" Oladipupo



Timmy is currently a student of Creative Technologies department (formerly a student of music department) at the University of Regina. He has loved art ever since he was a little boy and he learnt how to play the piano by himself. He played the piano in church while growing up and he has performed at a number of concerts and events at many different locations. He also won visual art competitions at his high school and in other districts while growing up. He specializes in songwriting and music production and makes music that encompasses a wide variety of genres from RnB to soul to Afrobeats and many others. He was a camp assistant for the visual art explorer and the comic book hero camps at the winter and spring camps respectively. He is now returning as a camp assistant this summer. Timmy is excited to work at the conservatory this summer and help younger kids bring out their inner artists.

Ray Heerspink



Ray Heerspink has always been a lover of the arts ever since he began playing music and taking art classes from a very young age. He is currently working towards completing a Bachelors of Music and a Bachelors of Music Education at the University of Regina. In his spare time, Ray enjoys cooking and going on runs. Teaching has always been a passion of Ray's and he's very excited to be a camp assistant this summer.