

## PIANO & VOCAL ADJUDICATOR – ELAINE BOULANGER



ELAINE BOULANGER is a musician and music educator who has been a mainstay of the Saint John music community for nearly three decades. Classically trained in piano, voice, violin, and theory, Elaine holds certificates from the Royal Conservatory of Music in each of these disciplines. Ms. Boulanger is an active adjudicator in the Maritimes for both piano and voice, is the Past President of the Saint John Music Teachers Association, and is a current member of the New Brunswick Registered Music Teachers Association. Elaine made her musical debut as an accompanist to a massed choir in Boston, Mass. at the

age of 13. Since that time she has been Music Director for numerous churches and has served as music liturgist, choir director, organist, pianist, and soloist for over 25 years. As a collaborative pianist, Elaine has had the pleasure to work with a multitude of talented soloists, instrumentalists and choirs.

Ms. Boulanger began her career as a music instructor in 1991 and has since been privileged to see many of her students continue their studies at institutions like Berkeley, Mount Allison, and Dalhousie. 2004 marked the opening of her own music school, Music from the Heart, focused on instruction in piano, voice, guitar, and theory. The main goal at Elaine's studio is to make learning music FUN! Over the years, students of Music from the Heart have received awards at the April Mills Junior Star Concert, Founders Night Gala, RCM Gold Medal, and the Provincial Music Festival.

Elaine's connection to her community is perhaps best seen in her volunteer work with the Empty Stocking Fund, a local and long-running Christmas telethon which raises funds for underprivileged children in the Greater Saint John Area. Ms. Boulanger has been involved as a performer and accompanist since her school-aged days and is currently serving as the Program Director. Each year Ms. Boulanger's studio organizes several performances, notably "A Bit of Broadway" and "Music Rocks", which not only showcase the talents of her students but also raise money to give back to the community in the form of Graduation scholarships, music festival awards, church donations, and to the Empty Stocking Fund – the charity most near and dear to Elaine's heart.

Aside from music, Elaine is an active triathlete and runner. Swim, Bike, Run!