

About Melissa Braun

Melissa is the owner/ principal of the Squamish Academy of Music and is a passionate music educator. She enjoys a diversity of musical styles and draws on her classical foundation to help students apply solid, healthy technique to a range of musical genres. Melissa has a passion for music education in all capacities and has acted as private voice & piano teacher, musical theatre director, choir director, and public school music teacher. She moved to Squamish in 2002 after completing an Honours Bachelor of Music in voice studies at Wilfrid Laurier University, a Bachelor of Education at the University of Toronto, and an education internship at the Vancouver Opera Company. With a passion for creating community and connecting with other musicians, Melissa opened the Squamish Academy of Music in 2010. Melissa's students have been selected to represent the Vancouver Kiwanis Festival and the Howe Sound Music Festival at the provincial level where they have been recognized as top competitors in both the Classical Voice and Musical Theatre categories. Past students have been accepted into post-secondary programs for Classical Voice, Vocal Jazz, and Musical Theatre. Melissa believes that being well-versed in the language of music opens new doors for expression, communication and connection.