

Lisa Madaffer

Metropolitan Chorus, Pianist

Pianist, Lisa Madaffer, earned her Bachelor of Music in piano performance and music theory, summa cum laude and with departmental honors, from Kent State University and her Master of Music from Bowling Green State University. She went on to do post master's work at the Cleveland Institute of Music. Her primary teachers include Margaret Baxtresser, Virginia Marks, Thomas Hecht and Sandra Shapiro. Ms. Madaffer was the 1987 winner of the Tuesday Musical Club competition and the 1989 runner-up in the MTNA Competition. As the winner of the BGSU concerto competition, she performed the Schumann Piano Concerto with the university orchestra under the baton of Robert Spano.

Ms. Madaffer was on the faculty of the Malone University music department from 1996-2012. A sought after collaborator and chamber musician, she has performed at Kent State University, Akron University, Malone University and the Cleveland Institute of Music.

On the faculty of Walsh University since 1997, Ms. Madaffer conducts the University Handbell Ensemble, teaches Fundamentals of Musicianship, Intro to Arts Appreciation (VPA 101), applied piano and voice and collaborates with the Chorale, Chamber Singers and student and faculty performers throughout the year. She also serves as the rehearsal pianist for the Metro Chorus of the Summit Choral Society (Xmas 2023), the Canton Symphony Chorus and is employed at First Presbyterian Church in Barberton as the organist/pianist. Officially a crazy cat lady, she lives in Akron with her 6 cats: Zoodles, Pumpkin, Onyx, Scherzo, Joplin and Cassidy.