

## The Art of Self-Reflection in the Studio

As piano teachers, we spend enormous amounts of time imagining what is going on inside our students' heads. While this is, indeed, a hallmark of effective teaching, we are sometimes guilty of neglecting our own internal experiences in the process. This thought-provoking session walks you through a few key questions, providing meaningful insights into your own studio interactions. Attendees will leave feeling encouraged and better-informed to tackle their next steps toward a balanced life.

**When?** Friday, April 15 @ 10:30am

**Where?** Fort Wayne Music and Tutoring, 5634 W Jefferson Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46804

**Who?** Member Event sponsored by your local NIMTA (Northeast Indiana Music Teachers Association)



Christina Whitlock, M.M., N.C.T.M. currently operates a vibrant independent studio in Muncie, Indiana. Christina earned a Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance from Kent State University in 2004 (summa cum laude), and completed a Master of Music degree in Piano Performance and Pedagogy from Ball State in 2006.

Christina began teaching in the private setting when she was only fourteen and has maintained a full studio roster ever since. She is proud to be celebrating over twenty-five years of teaching at the age of 39.

While Whitlock Piano Studio is currently Christina's primary focus, she is happy to have returned to the Taylor University faculty as Instructor of Piano and Piano Pedagogy, as well as Director of their Center for Musical Development. As an active freelance artist, Christina enjoys working with several local school districts and independent studios on a regular basis.

Christina has served on the Indiana Music Teachers Association Board of Directors since graduating in 2006, currently acting as Independent Music Teacher Forum Chair and Recording Secretary.

Christina has enjoyed adjunct faculty member positions at Ball State University and Taylor University, serving in a number of capacities related to classroom instruction and collaborative performance. Additionally, Christina facilitated online Humanities courses for the University of Phoenix as Practitioner Faculty from 2009-2017.

Christina's speaking credits include presentations to numerous collegiate, local, and state teacher groups, as well as sessions at MTNA National Conferences (2016, 2017, 2019, and 2022).

And, because a music teacher's job is never done, Christina has recently launched a podcast. Beyond Measure with Christina Whitlock is a weekly shout-out of solidarity for the independent teaching profession (<https://anchor.fm/beyondmeasure>).

Christina is an active member of the Northside Church of God in Muncie, serving as choral director and teaching in children's ministries. She and her husband, Michael, met at Northside and were married there in 2006. They have been blessed with two daughters, who keep them humbled and on their toes (in the best possible way, of course).