

## **Stephen Fancher, Piano**

Originally from central Connecticut, Stephen earned his bachelors and master's degrees in piano performance, studying piano at the University of Connecticut, Trinity College of Music in London, England, and at the conservatory at SUNY Purchase in New York.

Stephen has been in Sarasota since 2012, relocating from the New York area where he was active as a musician and teacher. Having been awarded Stamford Connecticut's Teacher of the Year in 2012, he was the general music and chorus teacher at Julia A. Stark Elementary School for eight years.

Stephen decided to transfer his skill set as teacher to the field of finance, working as a financial advisor with the Mariash Lowther Group at Merrill Lynch from 2012-2016 and now works at the Sarasota Opera as their Development Officer.

Stephen has been giving private piano and chamber music lessons for over twenty years and is very excited to be on faculty at the Sarasota Music Conservatory.

He has been very active in the arts community in Sarasota; sitting on the board of the Artist Series Concerts, the Sarasota Music Conservatory, as well as performing the role of assistant conductor for Key Chorale.

Stephen has been on faculty at the Conservatory since 2015.