



MUSIC TEACHER & MUSIC PROFESSOR

# Tavonna Miller

## OBJECTIVE

To administer vocal, piano, songwriting, music technology & music history instruction to individuals who are seeking to express themselves musically.

## SONGWRITING TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**ADJUNCT PROFESSOR - SONGWRITING**  
**Long Island University POST - MTEP Program |**  
**Greenvale, NY | Spring 2023- Spring 2025**

Design and administer a year-long course in Songwriting for undergraduates in their junior year of study towards a degree in Music Technology Entrepreneurship and Production (MTEP). This course teaches both the history of Popular Song and Songwriting Craft Fundamentals to students of beginning and intermediate songwriting experience.

**VISITING FACULTY - SONGWRITING**  
**Berklee College of Music Songwriting Workshop |**  
**Boston, MA | 2018- present**

Administer a week-long course in Songwriting Fundamentals during Berklee's Annual Songwriting Workshop to a wide age-range of students with beginner to advanced songwriting experience.

**TEACHING ARTIST - SONGWRITING**  
**Epic Players Theatre | Brooklyn, MA | 2021- present**

Design and administer masterclasses and semester-length weekly classes on Songwriting Fundamentals to adult learners with autism.

## CONTACT

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## EDUCATION

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS - BOSTON**  
**M.Ed Instruction and Learning Design (in progress)**

**BERKLEE COLLEGE OF MUSIC**  
**BM Songwriting, 2010**

## TEACHING METHOD CERTIFICATIONS

**Levels 1, 2, and 3 of Somatic Voicework™**  
**The Lovetri Method**

## SKILLS

Music Entrepreneurship Instruction



Vocal Instruction



Piano Instruction



Songwriting Instruction



## PHILANTHROPY

Current Advisory Council Board Member for NJ-based Non-Profit, The Heart of Jazz, whose mission is to provide scholarships and performance opportunities to young jazz musicians from marginalized communities.

## ADJUDICATIONS & GRANT REVIEW PANELIST ROLES

Judge Panelist, 2023 National Association of Teaching Singers Student Auditions

Grant Review Panelist, New York Foundations of the Arts, 2024 & 2025  
Queens Arts Fund

## NOTABLE PERFORMANCES

July 2023 - Lead Vocalist work with The Hudson Horns Collective for Google Headquarter Employee Private Spring Event

2018 - Background Vocalist work supporting composer, Ian Chang (Film score composer for acclaimed film, "Everything, Everywhere, All At Once") at National Sawdust in Brooklyn, NY

May 2017 - Background Vocalist work supporting Grammy-Award winning artist, Esperanza Spalding for the New York Times Headquarters premiere of her limited edition album, Exposure

March 2017 - Original Artist Performance hosted by Sofar Sounds in Brescia, Italy to promote music from my sophomore album, "The Beauty of Believing"

Jan 2017 - Original Artist Performance at The Goddess Temple in Nasaker, Sweden to promote music from my sophomore album, "The Beauty of Believing"

2017 - Choral Vocal Performance and Cameo Appearance in Documentary Film by Tracey Annabella, "Not Black Enough", Music Directed by former Music Director for Stevie Wonder, Marlon Saunders

2015 - Background Vocalist work for several performances across New York from the Brooklyn Bowl to the Darryl's House Club (owned by Hall and Oates band) supporting Season 5 American Idol Contestant, Gedeon Luke with Gedeon Luke and the People

## VOICE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### ADJUNCT PROFESSOR - VOICE

Long Island University POST- Musical Theatre Program |  
Greenvale, NY | Spring 2023- Spring 2025

Conduct 30 minute and 60 minute one-on-one voice lessons to undergraduate students pursuing a B.F.A. in Musical Theatre.

### PRIVATE INSTRUCTOR - VOICE

Music Lessons with Tavonna | Brooklyn, NY | 2010-present

Conduct 30 minute and 60 minute one-on-one voice lessons to a wide age-range of learners with varying levels of experience including learners with autism.

### PRIVATE INSTRUCTOR - VOICE

John Payne Music Center | Boston, MA | 2011- 2013

Conduct 30 minute and 60 minute one-on-one voice lessons to a wide age-range of learners with varying levels of experience.

## PIANO TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### PRIVATE INSTRUCTOR - VOICE

Music Lessons with Tavonna | Brooklyn, NY | 2010-present

Conduct 30 minute and 60 minute one-on-one piano lessons to a wide age-range of learners with varying levels of experience including learners with autism.