



Meet PianoFest's Piano Instructor Mary Dredger

A Kansas native, Mary Dredger completed her Bachelor's degree in Piano Performance at Washburn University, studying under Dr. Shiao-li Ding. She went on to earn a Master's degree from Kansas State University, under the instruction of Dr. Slawomir Dobrzanski. While in college, Dredger participated in many student organizations and served as the president of the Washburn Piano and Organ Society, as well as of the Kansas State KMTA Collegiate Chapter. She performed in numerous ensembles including the Washburn University Wind Ensemble, Orchestra, and Choir, and was a special member of the Washburn Honors Woodwind Quintet. Dredger has participated in a number of educational events for children and young musicians, such as "A Celebration of Music around the World" and other performances at the Topeka Public Library, and recently served as the Resident Counselor at the Washburn Summer Keyboard Academy. She has worked as an accompanist at St. Mary's Academy, Rossville Public High School, Washburn University, and Kansas State University. Currently, Dredger teaches middle school and high school music at St. Mary's Academy, as well as maintaining a private piano studio. In her free time, she loves to travel and spend time outside in nature!