

Dr. Christopher William Mechell completed his Doctorate in Piano Performance at the University of Washington studying under Professor Craig Sheppard. A multi-year appointment brought extensive experience teaching an applied studio of undergraduate and graduate students, instructing class piano courses, and managing the Secondary Piano Department. He earned his Master's degree in Piano Performance with a concentration in Music Theory from the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, in 2011. He also earned his Bachelor's Degree at IU in Piano Performance in 2008. As a music scholarship winner throughout his years, Dr. Mechell studied with Evelyne Brancart and Edward Auer.

Dr. Mechell is currently on faculty at St. Cloud State University and maintains a studio of students at the Wirth Center for the Performing Arts in St. Cloud. A dedicated pedagogue, he has had extensive experience teaching students of all ages and levels in both private and university settings and has taught in Minnesota, Indiana, and Washington.

Recently, Dr. Mechell has maintained applied studios and taught courses on faculty at St. Olaf College and during employment at the University of Washington. He regularly leads master classes regarding piano performance and gives lectures on various topics as often as possible. An active performer, Dr. Mechell makes it his mission to give back to the surrounding community whenever possible by performing solo benefit recitals, collaborative projects, and/or programs that help those in need.

When not teaching or playing the piano, Christopher likes to go hiking, eat oranges, play chess, and learn about history.