



I would love to sing, or even better, play my bio to you through the universal language of music, but through the parameters of the computer, I'll give a textual recap.)

I am a Utah county product, but in my heart, I am a wanderer. My father was raised just outside of Washington D.C. and as a child my family would travel the pre-freeway roads of this grand country to visit his family. I have been in all of the lower 48 states as well as Canada and Mexico. One of these days, I hope to jump the pond and tour Europe with one of my return missionary children that speak German. Which leads me to my greatest accomplishment: I have 8 children, five are married, and we're on the way to 14 grandchildren. I met my lifelong best friend while attending Ricks College. Doug and I married, and have spent the last 36 years working and growing a marvelous life together. We built a house (yes, I can wield a hammer and saw) in Orem as newlyweds. As my husband's employment changed we moved; first to Price, Utah and then to Idaho where we built another home in Twin Falls, back to the Salt Lake valley and completed the circle by purchasing the home in which I was raised in Orem. We have since torn down the homestead, and are in the process of subdividing the property and preparing to build again.

I love reading everything from cookbooks and biographies to historical novels and fantasy. My hobbies are gardening, sewing, and cooking (I especially like to cook out of my garden). A fun game I play, when eating at a restaurant, is to figure out what ingredients and spices are in the recipe of the dish I'm eating and replicate it at home for my family.

My musical background begins with my parents. My mother went to college on a vocal scholarship and some of my earliest memories are of being back stage during opera productions. My father and his sister were part of the big band era. He played the drums and she was the pianist/marimba player in a dance band. My instrument of choice is the viola, but I enjoy "playing around" on all of the amazing musical instruments of the world. I have taught private music lessons for 35 years. Ten years ago I began volunteering as the music teacher at my children's elementary school in Orem. I taught there for 6 years. Four years into that position, I decided that it was time to return to BYU and finish my Bachelor Degree in Music, which I completed in 2004. I then began teaching at another charter school, and earning my teaching certificate through the state's ARL program. I have also received training in the

Suzuki teaching techniques and have earned levels 1 and 2 in both Kodaly and Orff music teacher's training courses.

My love of teaching springs from helping in my mother's 1st and 2nd grade classrooms. I started teaching with the single objective of having my students love music and music making as much as I do. I also teach Saxon Math 3. My main goal to teach math processes in a way that makes learning exciting and fun.

I truly enjoy the journey, whether it is traveling to new places on the map or new vistas of learning, and I especially love to take children along for the joyful ride!