

## **Grant Kondo's Bio**

Grant Kondo, NCTM, is a piano teacher passionate about Creativity and Inclusion in music. He is an active speaker and performer in these areas, using various platforms including conventions, meetings, and his YouTube channel to help others explore the powerful combination of musical freedom with improv and arranging in various genres, combined with the physical and musical technique of Western Classical training.

Grant is a former Certificate of Merit Branch Chair for Piano at the Santa Clara Branch, the largest MTAC Branch in California, and has given presentations at the MTAC Convention. He is currently the President for Santa Clara Valley Chapter of California Association of Professional Music Teachers (CAPMT) as well as State VP Student Programs. He is also on various committees and task forces for Music Teachers National Association (MTNA). He is an Advanced Certified Teacher in Piano for the Royal Conservatory of Music (RCM). He has had students complete and receive honors for the highest levels of various exam boards, including CM Level 10/Advanced, RCM Level 10, CAPMT Piano Festival Level 10, and ABRSM Grade 8. His students have published sheet music, written tracks for streaming platforms, started non-profit organizations, and more.

Grant received his Master's in Music Education from San Jose State University and Bachelor's in Psychobiology from UCLA. He has also worked in Nara, Japan for three years. He maintains a Creative studio in San Jose and enjoys time with his wife and two young kids.