## **Dafne Del Risco-Nolla**

Piano (All Levels) • Music Theory • Worship Instrumental • Performance Technique • Instrumental Pedagogy • College Prep

Born in Cuba, Dafne del Risco-Nolla began her musical journey at just eight years old. Her gift and dedication led her to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Piano Performance from the prestigious José White Music Conservatory in Camagüey, Cuba. With over 30 years of professional teaching experience, she has shaped generations of musicians through her work at the Puerto Rico Conservatory of Music, the Presbyterian Academy of Music, Franceschi Academy of the Arts, and numerous Centers for the Arts in Cuba.



As a pianist and educator, Dafne has also represented the Puerto Rico Conservatory of Music in concerts, community outreach programs, and conferences, where she performed both as a soloist and as an accompanist for choirs, ensembles, and student juries. She has directed and accompanied church choirs, collaborated with vocalists and instrumentalists in worship and performance settings, and brought her artistry into diverse musical contexts—from classical repertoire to sacred music. These experiences have allowed her to not only train musicians but also actively contribute to the cultural and spiritual life of every community she has served.

Beyond her excellence as a music educator, Dafne has faithfully served as a Worship Leader, Pianist, and Music Director in churches across Puerto Rico, Chicago, and today at a church in Central Florida. She also extends her ministry as a Chaplain at a healthcare facility in Tampa, where she provides counseling and emotional support for patients and their families during critical health moments. Her calling beautifully blends her passions for both music and faith, using her gifts to inspire, uplift, and heal.

Her commitment to the transformative power of music extends into the field of Music Therapy and Sound Healing, where she earned certification through the University of Central Florida. In healthcare settings, Dafne offers music therapy and sound healing sessions, bringing comfort and peace in some of life's most difficult seasons.

Alongside her musical achievements, Dafne has pursued her passion for theology, completing several advanced degrees that deepen her work as a minister and Chaplain. What brings Dafne the greatest joy is not simply teaching music but helping her students discover the music within themselves. She believes every lesson should be more than instruction—it should be an experience that awakens passion, creativity, and life-changing growth. For Dafne, music is not only an art; it is a blessing meant to touch hearts and transform lives.