

Andrea Smith

**Piano, Performance,
Technique & Theory,
Sight Reading, & College Prep**



Andrea was born and raised in Venezuela. Music has always had a strong and special presence in her life. Her passion for music started at a very young age and her music roots extend from her family's love of music.

By the age of 12, she started attending FUNDACEM (Fundacion Centro de Estudios Musicales "Karine Gil de Weir"), an academic and music school in her native town, Maracaibo, founded by Karine Gil, a Venezuelan composer, concert pianist and piano instructor. She participated in several showcases and concerts organized by her music school. Andrea attended FUNDACEM for 3 years. Later, at the age of 15, her music high school teacher took note of her passion for music, and knowing Andrea's background, referred her to Daniel Rivera, a Piano Instructor at the J. Luis Paz Conservatory of Music in Maracaibo, Venezuela. Andrea took private piano lessons with Daniel for some time which strengthened her technique ability to play the instrument and learned music theory. She was then accepted at the Conservatory and studied there for 2 years and kept up with her instrument for decades and finally relocated to the US.

Once in the US, Andrea began to take music lessons with Grammy® Award winning pianist, Lannie Battistini, who is currently the owner of Hands in Motion Music School and Productions. For years she applied and continued to perfect her piano skills and recorded her 1st solo record album in 2019.

Besides being passionate about teaching music at the school, she is also passionate about academic teaching! She is currently a Florida certified elementary school teacher and teaches 8th year as an educator. Andrea is Certified with her E.S.E which adds to her specialty and professionalism. She is a self-contained classroom teacher in Hillsborough County Public Schools. She believes that a child's mind is marvelous, and with patience and dedication, all children can achieve great things.

If you ask her, she will tell you, her life always has a soundtrack, that there is no better medicine for the soul than music, and that music can change someone's life.