
STARR DESMOND

Based in Boston, Massachusetts

Online Portfolio: starrdesmond.com

BIO:

Starr Desmond is a versatile and dedicated music and dance educator with extensive experience as a teacher, performer, and choreographer. Licensed in Massachusetts, she specializes in general and choral music using an Orff-based approach, alongside private instruction in voice, piano, and songwriting. With a strong background in both classroom and studio settings, she has worked with Boston Public Schools and multiple arts institutions, teaching students of diverse ages and skill levels. In addition to her work in music education, she is an accomplished dance instructor trained in ballet, tap, jazz, and acrobatics. Her career is supported by advanced degrees in songwriting and music education, as well as numerous scholarships, honors, and awards recognizing both academic excellence and artistic achievement.



CURRENT ROLES:

Private Instructor - Piano & Voice

Aug. 2018 -Present

Dance Instructor at Jessica Gordon's Academy of Performing Arts

Sept. 2018 -Present

Music Teacher - Boston Public Schools

Feb. 2022 -Present

EDUCATION:

The Newman School **Boston,**
MA **2011- 2015**
High School Diploma

Berklee College of Music **Boston,**
MA **2015 -2019**
Bachelor of Songwriting *Cum Laude*

Boston University - CFA **Boston,**
MA **2019-2022**
MM: Music Education *Magna Cum Laude*

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

**Full Tuition Scholarship to The Newman
School** 2011-2015

**Full-Tuition Berklee City Music
Scholarship** 2015-2019

**Berklee Urban Service Award
(BUSA)** 2017

**75% Tuition Scholarship Boston
University** 2019-2022

**Varsity Vocal ICCA: Outstanding
Choreography Award** 2020

**Induction to BU's Gamma Iota Chapter
of the Tri-Alpha National Honor
Society** 2021

**Massachusetts State Licensed Music
Teacher** 2022

**Guest Honorary Speaker at Berklee's
2025 Amplify Gala** 2025