

"Mrs. Ritter is an amazing teacher! She helps me push myself to improve quicker and teaches me new ways of accomplishing my goals. She is always cheerful and has a smile on her face when she's teaching me. Not only does she teach me, but she cares about what I'm doing in my life and listens when I talk to her. It's fun to work with her and I look forward to my lessons every week." *Tobias*

"Mrs. Ritter is such a fun teacher! She is always encouraging me to be better at piano. I'm glad I have a teacher who knows so much about piano and that she shares everything she knows with me. She is very good at telling me things I don't always realize in my songs. She also plans fun activities and group classes outside of piano lessons so it's extra fun with her." *Anja*

"Having Jean Ritter as our children's piano teacher has been such a blessing! Our children always look forward to their lessons and are eager to work hard because of the special rapport Jean has with them. She is constantly looking for innovative ways to keep her teaching methods current and engaging for her students. She has an excellent balance of challenging our children to achieve high standards, while maintaining a spirit of patience and kindness. We appreciate that she finds ways for her students to learn the importance of giving back to the community by organizing concerts for them to share their music with the elderly. We feel very fortunate to have such an inspiring teacher share her love of music with our children." *Michael & Heidi Kettner*

"Mrs. Ritter is the best teacher I have ever had. Whenever I have my piano lessons I'm always so happy to see her and learn new stuff. When I am sick I'm very sad I cannot go and visit her for my piano lesson. It's fun learning from her because she is very nice; I feel like she cares about me; and she teaches me things about music that I didn't know before. I love you, Mrs. Ritter!" *Evan Aasland: 7 years old.*

I have been studying with Jean for the last number of years. She has taught me theory courses such as history, harmony and elementary and intermediate pedagogy. She has so many resources for each course to help you learn and understand the material being taught and always takes the extra time you may need to help you understand something. She always comes to your classes energetic and with a positive attitude. You can see her passion for teaching in the way she talks and teaches. I have loved getting to learn with Jean and would recommend her to anyone. *Caitlin Unrau*

It is so difficult to condense what a good teacher means to their students, especially a music teacher, into one little paragraph. Jean has stood out to me among all the teachers I've had for a myriad of reasons; not only because she expects and nurtures excellence in my performance and study, but also because she takes real and heartfelt interest in my life. She has poured in as much thought to my personality, psyche, and daily living as she does into the intricacies of the score. My life has been much richer for her influence, and knowing that she is in my corner, cheering me on in my teaching, in my playing, in my study, and in my personal life is one of the best and sweetest blessings that I have. *Abigail Curwen*