

Jennifer McCabe  
Legacy Award Recipient 2020

Jennifer McCabe graduated from Sycamore High School in 1990. While in high school, she participated in the Marching Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, and Jazz Band. Additionally, she sang in both the Concert Choir and with Madrigals. Finally, Jennifer won the John Phillip Sousa Award as well as the Sycamore Music Boosters Senior Music Award.

Jennifer earned her B.A. in Piano from Northern Illinois University in 1995. She pursued graduate studies in Music Education and Performance at both NIU and Middle Tennessee State University. Other areas of expertise have included composition, clarinet, saxophone, singing, steel pan, and percussion.

Jennifer has worked as a pianist, vocal coach and music director and is active in the musical theater, choral, instrumental, and operatic communities throughout the Chicagoland area. This includes the Chicago High School for the Arts, Sinfonietta Bel Canto, Merit School of Music (Renee Fleming Voice Initiative), Music Institute of Chicago, The Opera Divas, North Shore Opera Hour, Northwestern University, Opera Inter Alia, Actors Training Center, Wheaton College, DePaul University, Loyola University, Temple Beth Israel, Chicago Waldorf School, and Taft & Lincoln Park High Schools. She is a former manager of the non-profit Opera on Tap Chicago.

Currently, Jennifer runs the Harmony Piano Studio where she teaches piano and voice lessons. She also teaches at The Musical Offering, is music director at the Edgewater Presbyterian Church, and is a pianist at Temple Beth Israel in Skokie.