

Gail Lange (2003)

Gail Lange has played a leading role in the development of youth music in Guelph and across North America for more than 30 years, as a teacher of young music students, as a founder, board member and energetic participant in many youth music organizations, and as a trainer and mentor of other youth music teachers.

Gail began her youth music activities in Guelph as one of three co-founders of the Suzuki String School of Guelph, in 1971. In 1974, she began to teach piano in Guelph using the Suzuki method, and rapidly evolved into one of the most respected piano teachers in the city and over a wide geographical area. Her training of other Suzuki teachers began in 1984.



Gail has taught hundreds of young pianists and large numbers of new teachers, not only locally, but across North America and Britain. Her students routinely excel (as do her teacher trainees), and a number have gone on to University music programs. Young people and youth music are major priorities with Gail. She was drawn to the Suzuki method by her interest in developing the whole child. Her students are well trained and enthusiastic lovers of music for whom their early music training is a positive, life-shaping experience.

Gail has been a board member of the Guelph Youth Orchestra, a founding director of the Guelph Children Singers (later the Guelph Youth Singers) and a board member of the Guelph Arts Council. She is an energetic supporter of many youth music activities and as a result, over the years, has played key roles in the Kiwanis Festival and the Guelph Youth Music Centre. In 2002, Gail was awarded a Queen's Golden Jubilee medal in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the arts.