



## **Mike Kaminski**



### **Objective**

**To inspire as many lives as possible by educating and performing, and to be an example in speech, action, faith, humility and love.**

### **Education**

- 1998-2002 Honor student at Highland High School in Gilbert, AZ; graduated in the top 2%; awarded President's Scholarship to Arizona State University
- 2002-2003 Studied music at Arizona State University, including jazz, music theory, and performance
- 2003-2006 Studied accounting at Arizona State University; received bachelor's degree in accountancy

### **Educational Achievements**

- 1990-2002 Awarded numerous academic achievement awards for accomplishments in English, science, history, spelling, reading and writing
- 2006 Received bachelor's degree in accountancy from the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University

### **Teaching/Work Experience**

- From 2005-2006, I was an accountant at the Living Word Bible Church in Mesa, AZ (a large church with more than 5,000 members). The work experience there helped me to successfully grow into the business owner I am today. In addition to my regular duties, I learned important business skills such as marketing, budgeting, and calculating the impact of financial decisions.
- I have been instructing piano since 2004. In 2006, my wife and I started KaminsKEYS Piano Studio, Inc. Since January 2008, the studio has been full with approximately 60 students. I attribute much of the studio's success to my passion for educating and my business skills. In 2011, the name was changed to East Valley School of Music. I created our company website, [www.evsm.com](http://www.evsm.com).
- I am currently the President of the East Valley Music Teachers Association in Arizona. Because of this position, I attend board meetings, membership workshops and events, and promote the EVMTA to local music teachers and music stores.

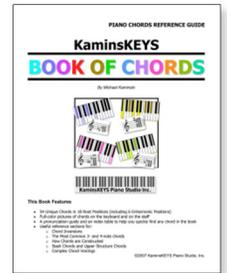
### **Musical Experience & Achievements**

- 1994 Began taking piano lessons
- 1997 Began to learn improvisation and composition
- 1998-2002 Performed and led music on a weekly basis at Life of God Worship Center in Mesa, AZ; played numerous solos and specials during church services

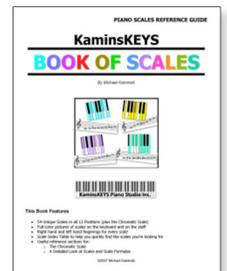
- 2000-2001 Was the pianist in my high school jazz band; also sang in the choir
- 2002-2003 Performed in several jazz combos at Arizona State University
- 2002-2006 Played keyboards in Rezound, a nationally recognized Christian rock band; recorded keyboards for two albums; performed in various cities nationally; also performed in Hyderabad and Chennai, India, as well as Cancun, Mexico
- Summer 2006 Led worship with my wife at the Spiritual Freedom Church in Scottsdale, AZ
- 2002-Present Record and write music for hire for clients at SonicPhish Productions, LLC in Mesa, AZ

### Contributing Works

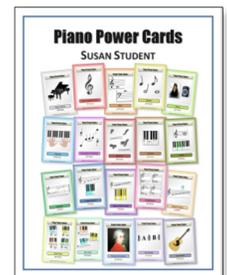
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2008 **Piano Power Cards:** In this practice motivation program, students earn points and use them to buy cards, which have pictures of music symbols and terms as well as detailed information about each concept on the back. Points are earned for good behavior, practicing, performing, accomplishing tasks, and memorizing pieces and musical concepts. Because the card name and definition is on the back, the cards function as both collector's cards *and* flashcards!



### Professional Memberships

- Music Teachers National Association
- Arizona State Music Teachers Association
- East Valley Music Teachers Association

I continue to learn and grow on many levels because of my passion for teaching, the support of my wife, and my involvement with the MTNA and the local EVMTA in Arizona.