

Gabriela Farias brings a unique perspective as both a classroom music teacher and private voice studio owner. She holds an honours undergraduate degree in music education from the University of Toronto, and a Master's of Teaching degree from OISE where she completed her thesis on culturally responsive pedagogy in music education.

At UofT, Gabriela won the Sonja Koerner scholarship in recognition of academic excellence and dedication to music education. During her time at OISE, she was privileged to be awarded the Vernon McCaul fellowship with Young Voices Toronto where she taught under the tutelage of Zimfira Poloz and Tracy Wong. Gabriela made her conducting debut with the choir by premiering a new choral work by Canadian composer Sheldon Rose. Additionally, she received the Mark A. R. M. Crowe Memorial Award which recognizes a student who demonstrates compassion, dedication, and excellence in teaching.

Gabriela has instructed classroom music for grades K-8 in Toronto and Peel region public schools. She acted as assistant conductor to Peel's Honour Choir during rehearsals for their 2019 spring performance. She has also provided musical direction for several devised theatre productions for youth of all ages with the City of Brampton. Currently, Gabriela implements vocal music workshops and masterclasses for public schools in Peel Region and continues her work as a private voice teacher. Gabriela's private voice students have gone on to successfully audition for Regional Arts programs as well as post-secondary music programs.