



Dr. Sonja Mihelcic has been a music educator for over 35 years. She teaches voice and piano, as well as early childhood music classes. She received a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in vocal performance from the University of North Texas and a Master of Music degree in vocal performance from Southern Methodist University.

In addition to teaching private lessons in the western suburbs of Chicago, Sonja was also on the faculty of SMU, UNT, and St. Mary's College. Many of her voice students went on to have distinguished careers in music as performers and educators. She founded Naperville Music Academy in 2009, and the Academy currently has 13 teachers and 340 students. Every year, the Academy provides opportunities for the students to participate in the AIM piano, voice, and strings exams, NMTHR (KITS) exams, IMS exams, three competitions and three performances.

Sonja's professional singing career includes appearances as a principal soloist with the Dallas Opera, Fort Worth Opera, Florentine Opera, Ash Lawn Opera Festival, Pacific Music Festival in Japan, East Slovak National Opera in Slovakia, and Belgrade Opera in her native Serbia. She also appeared as a principal soloist with the South Bend Symphony, San Antonio Symphony, Wichita Symphony, Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra, East Texas Symphony, Downer Grove Choral Society and Northwest Indiana Symphony.

In an attempt to serve and support her music community, Sonja has served as president of the Naperville Music Teacher Association for 2 terms. She continues to be on the board of NMTA, on the advisory board of ISMTA, and on the IMA Contest Board. She wrote the syllabus for the AIM Voice exams for the State of Illinois and serves as the state coordinator for this program.

Sonja is delighted to have the privilege of continuing the KITS theory exams program and looks forward to serving the KITS community and continuing the wonderful work of Christine Murow, founder, and creator of KITS program.