

Music Department Alumni

Nicole Wells

What year did you graduate and with what degree?

1998, Music Theory and Composition

What have you been engaged in since graduating from WPC?

While gaining momentum and success as a songwriter, I have continued to teach music privately – I am an active member of the Oregon Music Teachers Association. After serving vocationally in churches for many years, I now frequently lead worship at various retreats and conferences. My husband Steve and I have been married since 1997 and we have two exuberantly musical, delightful, active boys. Steve and I are lay ministers and mentors in the area of recovery. As a family, we perform together, leading worship, and sharing our story in various churches.

How did your education at WPC prepare you?

I had multiple opportunities within the music department to stretch as a performing musician, especially as the accompanist for the choir, chorale and touring quartet. The education I received in music theory, ear training, and composition set me up nicely for all of the hats I wear today, whether teacher, performer, or songwriter....I still continue to build on what I learned back then. The ministry focus of WPC helped to equip me for areas of sharing my faith, essential for the areas I am serving today.

If you had three words to describe the WPC Music Department what would they be?

Nurturing, Encouraging, Intimate

