Meet the Composer: Amanda Harberg



Where did you grow up? Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

When did you start to play an instrument?

I was five years old. I had a guitar and a recorder that I played a lot. Then my grandmother gave us her old piano. I was so excited! I started to make up music on the piano.

Who was one of your favorite teachers? My piano teacher Marina Grin. She inspired me to imagine. She was strict, loving, and kind. I worked very hard for our lessons!

What do you like about writing music? Writing music is all about expressing emotion. I love communicating with people this way.

Where do you live now? Shrewsbury, Massachusetts

What do you do there?

I am a teacher at Berklee College of Music. I help students to write music they love!