

**Biography:** Sheila Vail, pianist  
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Mrs. Vail earned both her undergraduate and graduate degrees at the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, Maryland, where she studied with Lillian Freundlich and legendary American pianist Leon Fleisher.

In addition to her role as professional teacher of piano, Mrs. Vail is a frequent clinician and guest speaker at college and university pedagogy departments, teacher organizations and professional conferences on the topics of creating, establishing, and maintaining the professional private teaching studio, as well as creative curriculum development for piano students. Nationally published, her articles have appeared in the American Music Teacher magazine, Clavier Companion and other periodicals.

Active in the Ohio Music Teachers Association, Mrs. Vail currently serves on the OTMA Executive Board as the State Student Certificate Program Chair.

For the Royal Conservatory Certificate Program, Mrs. Vail serves as the Cincinnati Center Representative and one of the U.S. national advisors. She speaks nationwide introducing teachers, music organizations, colleges and universities to this stellar program for students of all instruments and voice. As a member of the Royal College of Examiners she travels throughout Canada and the US hearing candidates at all levels.

Mrs. Vail resides in Cincinnati and is the owner and managing director of the Indian Springs Academy of Music in West Chester, Ohio, where she maintains her private teaching studio.

