

Studio Policies 3 2018-2019

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<u>Teaching Schedule:</u> My piano teaching year runs from late August through May and includes 36 sessions. Sessions include a combination of weekly private lessons, group studio classes, and studio recitals.

<u>Fees:</u> Fees are paid in nine equal installments, from September through May. Fees include private lessons, theory time, studio classes, studio recitals, and all piano books and sheet music.

30-minute lessons + 30 minutes theory time = \$90/month 45-minute lessons + 30 minutes theory time = \$130/month

I will email you an invoice at the beginning of each month. If I do not receive payment by the second lesson of the month, I will charge a \$10 late fee, and your student may not attend piano until payment is made. I accept checks or cash. Refunds are not given, except in special cases.

<u>Theory Time:</u> Students receive weekly theory time, either before or after their private lessons. Students complete activities using iPad apps, videos, CD's, books, manipulatives, flashcards, workbooks, and/or worksheets. Activities follow unit study themes throughout the year. Theory time is for music study only—you may not use my iPads for any other purpose.

<u>Studio Class</u>: Studio class is one hour long and held once or twice each semester. Students practice performing, learn about composers, play theory games, and build group camaraderie. Class topics correspond with unit study themes throughout the year.

<u>Recitals:</u> I hold at least two studio recitals each year and expect everyone to participate. Students are also encouraged to participate in PMTA and community events.

<u>Missed Lessons</u>: I no longer offer make up lessons. If you need to stay home because of bad weather, illness, a broken vehicle, or a scheduling issue, let me know. We will have a video lesson, using Skype or FaceTime, during your normal lesson time. Do not come to piano when you are sick! Rest and get well. We can do a video lesson if you're feeling up to it. If I ever need to cancel a lesson, I will credit your account for the price of the lesson (\$20 for a 30-minute lesson, \$30 for a 45-minute lesson).

<u>Summer Lessons</u>: During the summer, we will schedule lessons on a more flexible basis, at the rate of \$40 per hour. No make up lessons for missed summer lessons. Theory time is optional and less structured than during the school year.

Every student should have:

- ♪ Positive encouragement from parents and family members.
- A piano at home, acoustic or digital, with working pedals.
- Quiet, uninterrupted practice time, at least 5 days a week. Try to practice at the same time each day, so that piano becomes part of your daily routine. It is much better to practice 20 minutes every day than 2 hours the day before your lesson!
- ♪ A binder to hold assignment sheets, worksheets, sheet music, and scales.
- A metronome or metronome app.

Books: One of my most important jobs as a piano teacher is to select motivating, high-quality music at the right difficulty level for each student. My students help choose their own music whenever possible. Many students will use a book series that includes lesson, performance, and theory books. I supplement with seasonal and other special recital pieces. I make the final decision about books for each student. The cost of books is included in your semester fees. If you lose any books, you are responsible for the replacement cost.

Odds and Ends:

- ♪ No food and drink allowed in the piano room.
- Wash your hands before your lesson.
- ♪ Bring your binder and all assigned books every week.
- Parents are welcome to sit in my dining room, wait in the car, or leave entirely.
- I cannot supervise non-student siblings during piano lessons. Piano families are not allowed to play in my neighbor's yard (including her playground). You may play in my yard if you supervise your kids. Stay away from the water out back.

<u>Discontinuing Lessons</u>: Please give 30 days' notice if you decide to quit piano lessons. Your spot will be given to someone on my waiting list and may not be available to you in the future. If you repeatedly fail to adhere to the studio policies, I may put you on a 30-day probation. If the situation does not improve, I may dismiss you from the studio.



Lesson Plans **♪** 2018-2019

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	Theory	Lessons	Other	
Aug	Note reading	Scales	Aug 20: Piano starts	
Sep	The Nutcracker	Round fingers	Sept 3-7: No lessons	
Oct	Life and Times of	Scales	Oct 8-12: No lessons	
	Tchaikovsky	Articulation	Oct 17-19: No Wed/Fri lessons	
			Oct 29, 3:45 PM: Studio Class	
			Oct 29-Nov 2: No lessons	
Nov	All About Scales	Scales	Nov 5-6: No Mon lessons	
		Dynamics	Nov 21-23: No Wed/Fri lessons	
			Nov 26: No Mon lessons	
			Nov 30, 6:30 PM: Studio Recital, "The	
			Nutcracker"	
Dec	All About Scales	Scales	Dec 24-Jan 2: No lessons	
	Nocturnes	Nocturnes		
Jan	Note reading	Scales	Jan 4: Fri lessons only	
	Rhythm	Counting		
Feb	Chords	Singing melody	Feb 15, 3:45 PM: Scale Bee, "I Heart	
	Terms/symbols	Tone color	Scales" (no Fri lessons)	
Mar	Ear training	Ear training	Mar 15: No Fri lessons	
	Theory review	Memorization	Mar 18: No Mon lessons	
			Mar 20, 3:45 PM: Studio Class (no	
			Wed lessons)	
Apr	KITS Theory testing	KITS Theory testing	Apr 19-24: No lessons	
		Expression	TBA: Studio Recital, "A Little Night Music" (May 3?)	
May	Creative time	Sight reading	May 27-31: No lessons	



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All reminders, announcements, invoices, and receipts will be sent to the primary parent's email address. Your information will not be shared with anyone.

Student name:	Birthday://			
School (18-19):	Grade (18-19):			
Student email (optional):				
Student phone (optional):				
Primary parent name:				
Primary parent phone:				
Primary parent email:				
Address:				
Secondary parent name:				
Secondary parent phone:				
We have read the studio policies, and we agree to abide by them. We understand that we may be dismissed from the studio if we do not abide by the studio policies.				
Parent signature:	Date:/			

AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE FORM

1.	<u>PARTIES</u> :			
	"MUSIC INS"	TRUCTOR": (Name of Music Teacher or Music Instruction Business)		
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	"PARENT":_	(Name of Parent or Legal Guardian)		
	"CIIII D".			
	CHILD	(Name or Names of Child or Children Covered by Authorization)		
2.	<u>AUTHORIZATIONS</u> : By placing his or her initials next to the corresponding activity set forth below, the PARENT authorizes the MUSIC INSTRUCTOR to undertake that activity on behalf of the CHILD:			
	<u>Initials</u>	Activity		
	:	Use of photographs and/or videotapes of the CHILD for promotional or educational purposes by MUSIC INSTRUCTOR.		
3.	INSTRUCTO	ASE : The PARENT agrees to indemnify, release and hold harmless MUSIC UCTOR, his, her or its agents and representatives, from any claims or causes of arising or related in any respect to the activity or the CHILD'S participation in tivity.		
DATE:		SIGNATURE OF PARENT:		