



Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters** - your timely collection of forward-thinking ideas and practical insights from Teach Music 21C.



Music teachers open many musical doors for our students. Some doors we know about from the very beginning. Some doors we only discover through our students. Some doors come remarkably from the unknown. Sharing with you this inaugural publication from Teach Music 21C feels much like opening another door of music teaching transformation. I'm very grateful & appreciative. Cheers!
Merlin B. Thompson
Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C

Times have Changed

Have you noticed? Music teaching looks differently to 5 years ago, 10 years ago, 20 years or more. But what exactly are we referring to when we say Times have Changed? Find out more in [Part One](#): Two Questions by Merlin B. Thompson.



Student Stories

After a couple of attempts, my 5-year-old student played the last 3 notes just right. So I



responded with, "That's the one. Let's do it 3 more times!" My student shrugged her shoulders, let out a deep sigh, and remarked, "Okay. But it's just going to waste our time!"
From Lorrie Merrell's studio.

Music Teacher Podcasts

Check out [Podcast #1](#) from the Teach Music 21C Podcast Series. Paul McGlinchey has great questions for Merlin B. Thompson about what goes on in Student-Centered Teaching.



TM21C Certification Spring/Summer Schedule (Tuition \$99 CAD)

April Start (Monday)

The five modules take place Mondays April 15, April 29, May 13, May 27, and June 10.

May Start (Wednesday)

The five modules take place Wednesdays May 1, May 15, May 29, June 12, and June 19.

July Start (Monday & Thursday)

The five modules take place Monday July 8, Thursday July 11, Monday July 15, Thursday July 18, and Monday July 22.

August Start (Wed., Thurs., Fri., Mon., Tues.)

The five modules take place Wednesday August 14, Thursday August 15, Friday August 16, Monday August 19, and Tuesday August 20.

Reverberations

- The best way for music teachers to create students' musical success is for teachers and students to build it together.

- The most rewarding and satisfying goal of music lessons is lifelong music making.
- Learning to sing or play a musical instrument is a powerful investment in every person's quality of life.

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