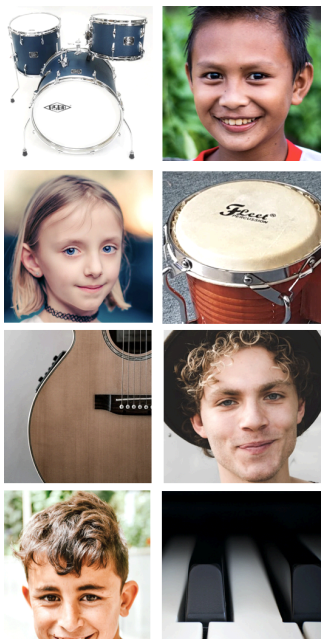




Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters** - your weekly collection of ideas and inspirations for music teachers from Teach Music 21C.



There may be few things more important for music teachers than providing Follow Up on what we did at our students' previous lesson. When teachers include this strategy in each week's lesson, we confirm that we value what students do at home. And we're interested in finding out how things turned out. Did students resolve what needed resolving? Did students run into more problems on their own? Did students achieve success? [Read more...](#)

All the best in your teaching,

Merlin B. Thompson

Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C

TM21C Certification

For music teachers everywhere, the challenges are real: difficulties with engaging students during lessons/practicing and keeping students involved week after week and year after year. Teach Music 21C Certification makes it easier than ever to support students' musical journeys by expanding teachers' skillset. Be sure to check out the TM21C Certification [Summer Schedule](#).

Music Making

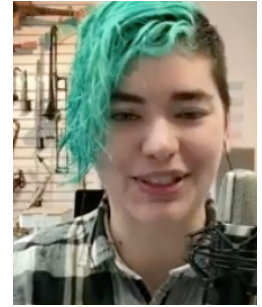
Music making is the gift we use to explore the mystery of who we are and deepen

awareness of the world around us. We know music in the joys and losses of our past, the wonder of today's movement, and endless future possibilities.

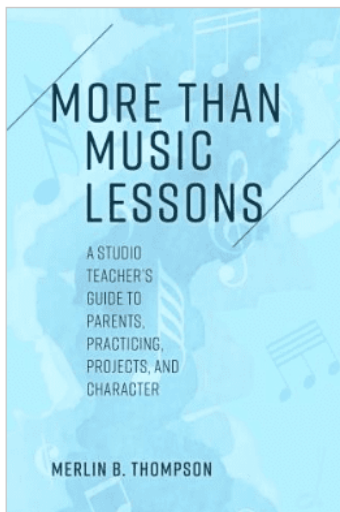


Music Teacher Podcasts

Check out [Podcast #21](#) from the Teach Music 21C Podcast Series. Naomi Higgins shares with Merlin Thompson her experiences of incorporating the philosophy and strategies from Teach Music 21C Certification. A compelling conversation about letting go and building on.



From "More than Music Lessons"



Music gives spark to the flame
that is the individual's sense of self.
No matter the level of musicianship
amateur or professional,
casual or dedicated,
music ignites something deep
inside every person.

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from the publisher [Rowman & Littlefield](#).)

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, May 14

Presentation at U Calgary

Tuesday, May 21, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Idea of the Month Webinar

Wednesday, May 29

Presentation for Suzuki Association of the Americas

Saturday, June 1

Presentation for Calgary Music Teachers

Sunday, June 16

Presentation for Texas Music Teachers Conference

Hope to see you there!

TM21C Certification Summer Schedule

We have July and August start dates. [Click here](#) for Start Date info and register for TM21C Certification. Get answers to perennial questions like - How do music teachers get students to practice? What can music teachers do to ensure student retention? How do music teachers create a safe and supportive teaching environment? Teach Music 21C professional development is more than a certificate. It's an investment in your career that pays dividends in students' retention, satisfaction, and success.

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