



# Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters** - your weekly treasure trove of ideas and inspirations from Teach Music 21C.



Do your students ever get frustrated during their lessons? Have you ever had the following situation? The student repeatedly returns to the beginning of the piece, starting over again and again in order to create sufficient momentum to make it through the unwieldy challenges in bar 3. Finally, after several unsuccessful attempts and in acknowledgment of having hit a brick wall, the student fumes, "I can't believe this! I played this piece with no mistakes every day last week!" The tone of frustration is evident in every syllable and the ever-increasing body tension. What do you do? What do you say?

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All the best with your teaching,

*Merlin B. Thompson*

*Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C*

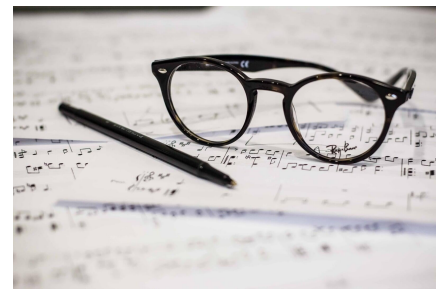
## Teach Music 21C Certification

*Testimonial from Lana:* "Teach Music 21C Certification helped me clarify my thoughts. This course gave me a framework for interacting with each student and family individually in a way that serves their situations and needs best. I have been excited by the growth I see within my students as they have more of a say in their artistic education and have had to lengthen course times because they didn't want the lesson to end!"

# Old School & New School Communication

Old School - "That's great. You did a wonderful job".

New School - "That's great. Tell me your thoughts..."



## Podcast Recommendation

Check out the Teach Music 21C Podcast #26 featuring a great conversation from Jordan Pistilli and Merlin Thompson. Jordan's got some great advice on teaching improvisation that you won't want to miss. Here are the links: [Youtube](#), [Spotify](#), and [Apple Podcasts](#).



## Summer Certification

Have you planned out your summer Professional Development? Would you like to join a community of forward-thinking music teachers? The summer months are a super opportunity for you to expand and enhance your music teacher skillset with Teach Music 21C Certification. Our five modules are designed to elevate your teaching and could very well be the most empowering investment in your music teaching journey. Hope you can join us...

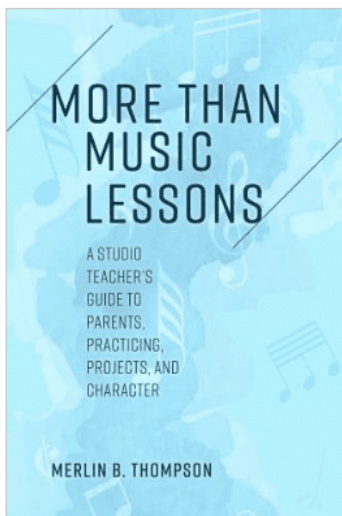
## A Question for Today

What kind of teacher are you? Why not be the teacher who creates safe places for students to be themselves. The teacher who says the things your students need to hear. The teacher who champions students' own musical wish lists.



From "More than Music Lessons"

**Teaching Tip**



Protect students from harmful practice strategies.

1. Practicing isn't like cramming for an exam.
2. There are limits on students' emotional and physical capacities.

(Kindle & paperback available on [Amazon](#) & from the publisher [Rowman & Littlefield](#).)

## Upcoming Dates

### **Tuesday, May 14, 12pm MST**

Presentation at U Calgary

### **Tuesday, May 21, 10-11 MST**

Idea of the Month Webinar. Sign up [here](#).

### **Wednesday, May 29, 2:30 MST**

Presentation for We Are Suzuki Conference. For [more info](#)...

### **Saturday, June 1**

Presentation for Calgary Music Teachers

### **Sunday, June 16**

Presentation for Texas Music Teachers Conference

## Teach Music 21C Certification Summer Schedule

**July Schedule:** Modules take place Monday July 8, Thursday July 11, Monday July 15, Thursday July 18, and Monday July 22.

**August Schedule:** Modules take place Wednesday August 14, Thursday August 15, Friday August 16, Monday August 19, and Tuesday August 20.

[Click here](#) to register for the timeline that works for you. Teach Music 21C professional development is an investment in your career that pays dividends in students' retention, satisfaction, and success. Our goal is to change the tone of music teaching - one lesson at a time.

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