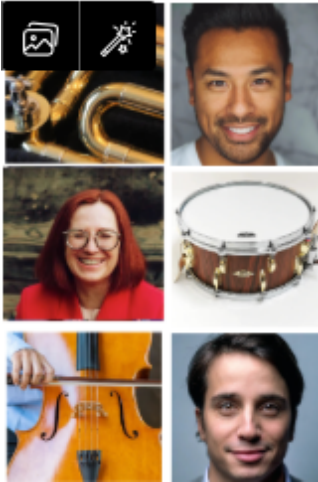




Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters** - helping music teachers refresh our teaching & our students' passion for music making.



It's the end of summer. Music lessons are about to resume. Are you nervous about students returning after a summer off from music lessons? Is this a time of the year you look forward to? As we get closer to September, it's not unusual for music teachers to experience a mix of anxiety and anticipation. The key to navigating this transitional period is ... [Read more.](#)

Merlin B. Thompson

Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C

What are Students Looking For?

Here are 3 qualities students hope to see in their music teachers:

1. Knowledge & expertise - Students appreciate having lessons with teachers who know what they're talking about.
2. Authenticity - Students are looking for teachers who are genuine and true to themselves at all times.
3. Curiosity - Students like it when teachers take an interest in and want to know more about students.

Where are your teacher strengths? What could you do differently?

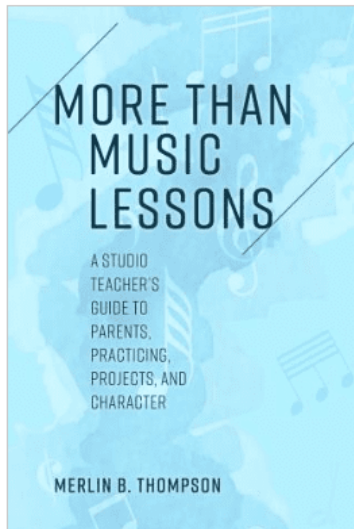
Podcast Recommendation

Have you ever considered how many different aspects are involved in music teaching? Check out [The Versatile Music](#)

[Teacher](#) podcast and see which aspects are part of your teaching approach.



"More than Music Lessons"



"There may be no better way for teachers to set the tone with students than by smiling. Even before teachers find out about their students or respond to questions, before handing out studio policies or tuition documents, smiling reveals a lot about what students might expect from their teachers." Available on [Amazon](#) or from [Rowman & Littlefield](#).

A Wonderful Job!

"This past week has been a whirlwind of excitement as I connected with parents and students to organize and prepare for the fall schedule. The enthusiasm from students has been absolutely contagious. It's reminded me how much I adore studying music with them. I'm filled with immense gratitude for every single student and the incredible opportunity we have as music teachers. What a fantastic job we get to do!" From Lorrie Merrell

Congratulations Graduates

A huge shout out of Congratulations to the enthusiastic graduates from British Columbia, Ontario, and Utah who completed our summer intensive Certification. Here's feedback from Patrick after he completed the TM21C Certification: *"This program has clarified my thinking and inspired me to continue to become the teacher I always knew I could be. I recommend it whole-heartedly!"*

Upcoming Dates

Monday, September 23, 12 noon

Presentation UCalgary Music Department

Thursday, September 19, 10-11 a.m. MST

Idea of the Month Webinar - Register [here](#).

October 18-19

Saskatchewan Registered Music Teachers Conference

October 25-26

Music Conference Alberta

TM21C Certification

Would you like to be known as the teacher who:

- Creates success for every music student no matter their direction
- Sows the actions and attitudes of lifelong music makers
- Empowers students to become the best of their own brand
- Tailors your teaching approach to match what students are looking for.

If this sounds like the kind of teacher you aim to be, TM21C Certification can help you take concrete steps to refine your teaching approach. In just 5 one-hour online sessions, we'll help you to expand your music teacher skillset with 21st Century tools that stimulate engaging, interactive, and lifelong music making experiences. [Sign up now](#). We hope you'll join our community ASAP. Your students and your teaching career will thank you!!

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