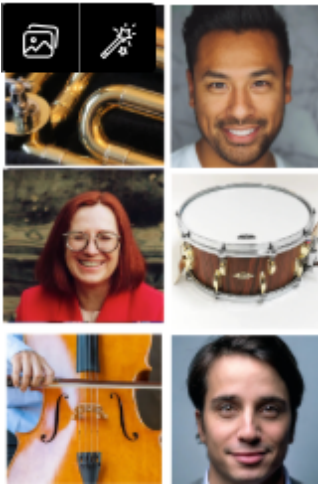




Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters** - information & inspiration for real world music teachers from Teach Music 21C.



What is your experience with music transfer students? How do music teachers respond when music transfer students come from different institutions with varying curricula, teaching philosophies, and performance expectations? All this can make it challenging for teachers to put together an accurate picture of transfer students' musical journey and map out an appropriate directions for continuing. [Read more...](#)

All the best with your teaching,

Merlin Thompson

Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C

Research to Share

Would you like some research results to share with parents on the impact of music? Neuroscience researcher David Levitin studied the benefits to families of playing music in their home. Families reported having stronger relationships, were happier, spent 3 hours more time together, and experienced significant reductions in negative emotions. Having music played accounted for participants cooking 33% more meals together and 58% even reported they thought the food they made will music was playing somehow tasted better!

How's that for remarkable research to share with parents and students!

Student Stories

A four-year-old student left my studio after his first class. His mother asked him if he liked his piano class. "I liked it and I didn't like it," he responded. His mother, a little surprised, asked him, "Oh, what didn't you like?" He answered, "I didn't like when it ended". From Lorrie Merrell's studio.

If you have a Student Story you'd like to share, please do.

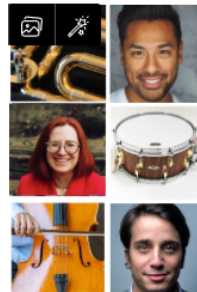
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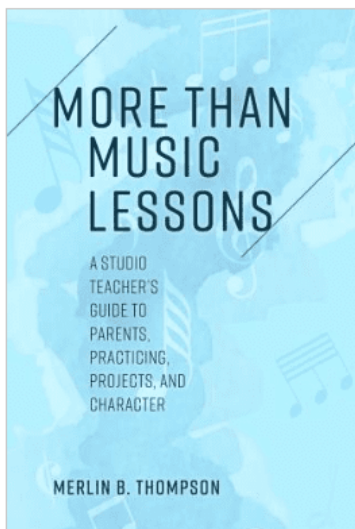
We don't remember all our experiences.
We remember the experiences that matter,
the ones that are meaningful.

21st Century Music Teachers

Are you ready to embark on a 21st century music teaching journey? We know how rewarding and challenging teaching in the real world can be! That's why we're excited to offer you resources tailored specifically for 21st century music teachers like you. [Register now](#) for the Certification October 1 start date and take your music teaching to the next level. Hope to see you there!



From "More than Music Lessons"



"Musicianship & artistry are open-ended and abstract impulses that thrive in students who put them to use but remain dormant in students who don't. My responsibility as a teacher is to create a safe and supportive environment for nurturing the students' musicianship and artistry that's already there." Available on [Amazon](#) or from the publisher [Rowman & Littlefield](#).

Real World or Ivory Tower

What I love about music teaching today -

- we know the value of trying new things,
- we unlock the musical potential of diverse learners who may have been previously ignored,
- we solve problems through creativity, reflection, and collaborative communication,
- we inspire musical excellence in uncharted musical terrains beyond any other generation of music teachers,
- we teach in the real world not an ivory tower.

Upcoming Dates

October 18-19

Saskatchewan Registered Music Teachers Conference

October 25-26

Music Conference Alberta

TM21C Certification

Imagine if within a couple of weeks, you had more confidence, creativity, and flexibility in your teaching? Believe me - it's totally possible!

You CAN reach your music teaching goals and Teach Music 21C Certification will help you get there.

But - the clock is ticking. The Final Countdown is here!

This is the last week to register for Teach Music 21C Certification in 2024.

Our next cohort begins on Tuesday, October 1, and meets every second week for a total of five weeks.

You don't want to miss out on this opportunity to get your Certification completed in 2024. You'll be glad you did!

Registration CLOSES Friday, September 27, at midnight.

[REGISTER NOW](#) for TM21C Certification.

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