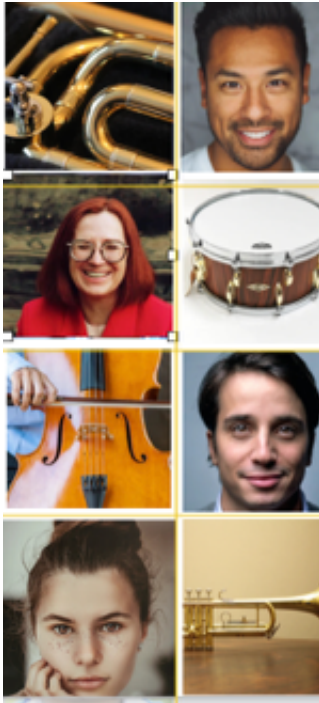




Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters** - your source of ideas & inspirations for today's music teachers from Teach Music 21C.



These days I've been thinking music studio teaching really is a complex undertaking that requires a unique blend of creativity, adaptability, and emotional intelligence from music teachers. Each day brings new challenges —some within our control, like passing on musical skills and knowledge, and others beyond our control, such as a student's lack of interest or inconsistent practice habits. How can today's music teachers navigate this unique teaching environment? [Read more...](#)

Hope your teaching is going well!!

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Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C

More Myths about Practicing

Myth #4 Setting Goals is the Priority.

An exclusive focus on goal setting can be taxing for students. Practicing is more sustainable when students also include playing around just for the fun of it.

Myth #5 Mistakes are the Enemy.

Mistakes are part of the solution. Students who know how to play with AND without mistakes have an advantage.

Archives are NOW Available!

Have you ever wanted to go back and check a



previous edition of Music Teaching Matters because you lost track of something you read a few weeks ago?

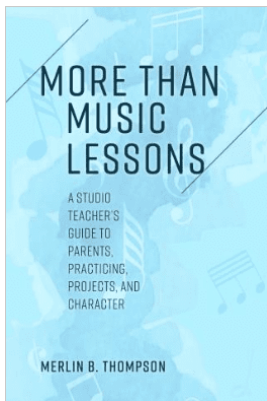
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Idea of the Month Webinar

Coming Next Week! Hope you can join.

The next Idea of the Month Webinar will explore the process of "letting go" for music teachers. What we need to do to care for ourselves when we encounter situations beyond the scope of our influence. [Click HERE](#) to register.

More than Music Lessons



Teaching Tip

Making music is the perfect workout for human character.

1. Play with gratitude. Be generous.
2. Blend vulnerability with genuineness.
3. Cultivate joy and self-forgiveness. Light and Shadow.

Available on [Amazon](#) or [Rowman & Littlefield.](#)

Upcoming Dates

October 16

Presentation for Long & McQuade - The Chill Out Concert. [Register HERE.](#)

October 17

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

October 18-19

Saskatchewan Registered Music Teachers Conference

October 25-26

Music Conference Alberta

Podcast Recommendation

Do you have transfer students this year? What kind of strategies are you using? Check out this podcast conversation with Lorrie Merrell and Merlin Thompson as they discuss the various layers of working with transfer students. A compelling exploration available on [Youtube](#) or [Spotify](#).



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