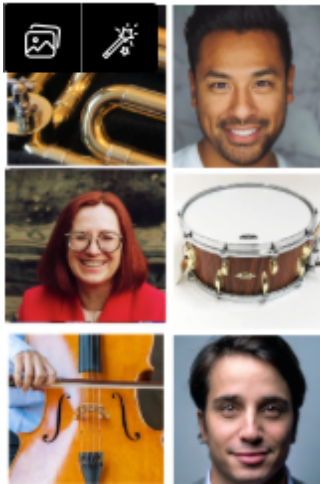




# Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters** - ideas and inspirations to fine tune your music teaching from Teach Music 21C.



The first conversation between music teachers and parents can be the spark that ignites a lifelong passion for music making - or the moment that parents decide music lessons may not be for their child. Responding to parents' initial inquiry into music lessons can be challenging especially when parents' rationale or expectations for music lessons make music teachers uneasy. How can music teachers respond? What kind of communication is appropriate? [Read more...](#)

Have a great day!

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## 3 Questions to Finetune Your Teaching

**1. What problems are you trying to resolve with strategies that consistently haven't worked?** Understanding what's really going on can help you come up with more effective solutions. Consider the possibility there are underlying factors that you've overlooked.

**2. Why are you holding on to strategies that consistently haven't worked?** Sometimes music teachers cling to past methods because they've invested time and effort into them. Consider the potential benefits of letting go of outdated approaches.

**3. How does your vision of music teaching keep you from trying new things?** A longstanding vision of music teaching can

create barriers to strategies and tools that resonate better with your students. Sometimes, well-established plans can prevent you from fine tuning and exploring alternatives that address the unique interests of your students.

## Student's Frustration - what to do...



Do your students ever get frustrated during their lessons? Do you know why? What strategies do you use?

Check out this blog from earlier this year for valuable strategies to use in response to student frustration. It's the combination of Student's Frustration and Teacher's Language. Click [here](#).

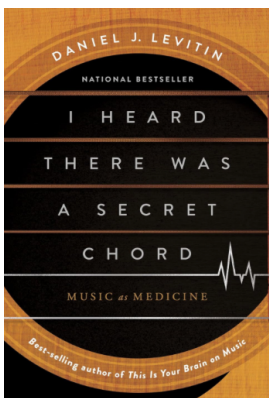
## Food for Thought

No one can go back and start another beginning.  
But anyone can turn their next efforts  
into something that matters.

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Few things in life are more important than  
spending time with the right people.  
Who do you spend time with?

## Recommended Reading



### **"I Heard There Was a Secret Chord" by Daniel J. Leviton**

This marvellous book highlights the critical role music has played in human biology and its profound benefits for those both young and old. Working across cultures and time, Leviton opens the mysteries of how music heals us and fires our emotions, inspirations, and desires. A great read for music teachers. Available on [Amazon](#).

## Upcoming Dates - Book Your Schedule NOW!

## **November 13**

Presentation for Long & McQuade - Let's Talk about Parents

Register [HERE](#).

## **November 21**

Idea of the Month Webinar

Register [HERE](#) and submit your suggestions for topics to explore.

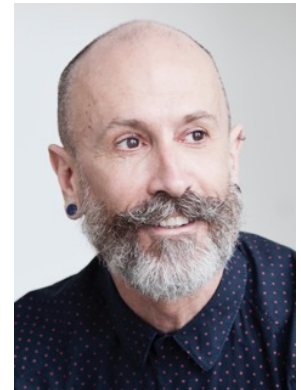
## **January 13**

Start date for the next Certification program

Register [TODAY](#) and reserve your place. Spots are limited.

## 20 Years from Now

Check out this video presentation that starts with the question - 20 years from now, what will your music students be doing because they had music lessons with you? Join me as I explore the various aspects involved in sowing seeds for students as lifelong music makers. An informative exploration. Here's the [link...](#)



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