



# Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters**: changing the tone of music lessons with ideas from Teach Music 21C.



With my students on Spring Break last week, it was the perfect opportunity for me to change things up in my studio. For starters - some great conversations with Paul McGlinchey and Lorrie Merrell who bring a wealth of understanding and experience to music studio teaching. Then looking to the blog/podcast world for inspiration, I came across the works of Elizabeth Davis and Gert Biesta. So this newsletter is my chance to share that with you. I hope these bog/podcasts uplift your teaching and give you something to think about.

All the best with your teaching,

*Merlin Thompson*

*Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C*

## TM21C Podcasts

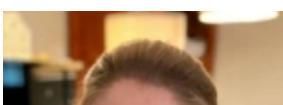
Two short podcasts to get things started.

#40 Multiple Ownership - [Video](#), [Audio](#)

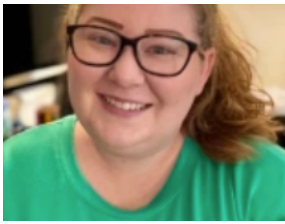
#42 Sowing Seeds - [Video](#), [Audio](#)



## Insight from Dr. Elizabeth Davis



Check out this blog post from



Dr. Elizabeth Davis -

**"How Active Listening Builds Trust with Neurodivergent Music Students."**

Click [HERE](#) for an informative 6-minute read.

## Attention University Students!

Coming in Summer 2025 -

**Beginner Music Teacher Workshop**

for all instruments.

Specifically designed for university music students.

And recent graduates.

**Stay tuned for more details.**

## Idea of the Month Webinar

**Do you have a topic you'd like to explore?**

**What about questions you'd like to ask?**

[Click HERE](#) to submit your thoughts

**for the next Idea of the Month Webinar**

**Thursday, April 17, 10-11 a.m. Calgary time**

## An Interview with Gert Biesta



From the Talking Teaching Podcast series:

"The Purpose of Education - in

Conversation with Professor Gert Biesta."

Dr. Gert Biesta is a giant in the academic education world who's put a lot of thought

into how teachers can help students

navigate the complexities of learning and

life. An enlightening conversation with

Sophie Specjal. Watch [HERE](#).

## Sounds of Encouragement Podcast

Here's one of my favourite podcast interviews of all time. My conversation with dedicated music studio teacher Melissa Slocum. We have lots to talk about in this podcast. Watch the [Video.](#)



## TM21C Certification



### SUMMER CERTIFICATION

What are your plans for summer professional development?

Do you have 5 hours to expand and enhance your teaching skillset?

Now is the time to start planning!

👉 [Click here](#) for the summer schedule

## For Music Teachers

Our teaching begins with the profound desire to bring students' musical dreams to life.

## Upcoming Dates

**April 10: 10-11 a.m. Calgary time**

"What Neuroscience has to Say" - sponsored by Long & McQuade

**April 17: 10-11 a.m. Calgary time**

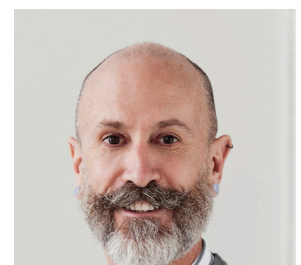
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## Questions, Thoughts

Do you have questions?

Would you like more info?

How about chatting with Merlin Thompson?



SEND me a message at  
Admin@TeachMusic21C.com  
and we'll get together!



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