



Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters**: support and encouragement for today's music teachers from Teach Music 21C.



Are you familiar with imposter syndrome? Those feelings of inadequacy that can wreak havoc with music teacher frame of mind. The sense that “I’m not good enough” or “I don’t really know what I’m doing” can be paralyzing, even in the face of real achievements and credentials. Within music teaching, where expectations of expertise are high and many factors influence students’ progress, imposter syndrome can quietly undermine music teacher confidence. [Read more.](#)

Thanks for checking in...

Merlin Thompson

Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C

Attention University Students

Check out these outstanding workshops specifically designed for current university music students and recent graduates.

- 1. Music Teaching 101:** Montreal, Sunday July 6, all instruments.
- 2. Music Teaching 101:** Calgary, Saturday July 19, all instruments.
- 3. Beginner Piano Teacher:** Calgary, Saturday July 26, pianists only.
- 4. Beginner Piano Teacher:** Calgary, Saturday August 9,

pianists only.

Save the dates & stay tuned for more details.

TM21C Podcasts



Podcast #41: Let's Talk About Success

Lorrie Merrell joins Merlin Thompson for an informative conversation on how music teachers may expand what success looks like with our students.

Audio link [HERE](#)

Video link [HERE](#)

Idea of the Month Webinar

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

"What do you do when your student can't find the first note of their new piece after a week of practicing?"

[Click HERE](#) to register.

See you there!

A Matter of Chemistry

Here's a beautiful podcast from 2019 that explores five dynamics music teachers may incorporate to develop chemistry with our students.

Listen [HERE...](#)



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

Students don't need perfectionist teachers.

Students need reflective practitioners.

Teachers who are willing to reach out, get advice, do the research, test things out, try other solutions, reflect on what's going on, think things through, and repeat again and again.

Upcoming Dates

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

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

Register [HERE](#).

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
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and we'll get together!



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