



Music Teaching Matters

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



Music teachers everywhere are interested in the topic of practicing. And with good reason because when students understand what practicing is all about, we can anticipate favourable results. When students aren't sure what's the purpose of practice, we may not get very far. For this newsletter, it's an honour to turn things over to Paul McGlinchey from the executive team at Teach Music 21C and tap into his research into practicing. Read [MORE...](#) And best wishes for helping your students with practicing!

Merlin Thompson

Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C

Idea of the Month Webinar

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

Join this webinar for insights on this compelling question:

"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!

For University Music Students

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

- 1. Teaching Music 101:** Montreal, Sunday July 6, all instruments.
- 2. Teaching Music 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 #44: When Students Seem Stuck

What can music teachers do when students don't seem to be making any progress? Lorrie Merrell joins Merlin Thompson to explore this challenging topic.

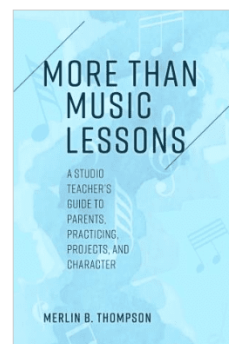
Audio link [HERE](#)

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More than Music Lessons

Are you interested in more insights into "practicing"? Then take a moment to explore "practicing" through six vital lenses: autonomy, fluency, purpose, relatedness, reflection, and listening.

Available on [Amazon](#).



TM21C Certification



SUMMER CERTIFICATION



July Cohort

We meet on July 16, 17, 18, 21, and 22
for one hour each day.

August Cohort

We meet on August 13, 14, 15, 18, and 19
for one hour each day.

Register now. Expand your teacher toolkit
with summer professional development.

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Music is Everywhere

Music is everywhere
At home. At work. At play.
With friends. With family. With crowds.
Random. Deliberate. Involved. Distracting.
Old songs. Folk Songs. Pop songs. New songs.
Where time and place take shape.
Where memories live on.
Music is there.

Upcoming Dates

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

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

April 28: 10:30-11:30 a.m. BC Time

"What Music Teachers Need to Know About Practicing" North Island
BCRMTA

May 8: 10-11 a.m. Calgary time

"Beyond the Notes: Lifelong Music Making" sponsored by Long &
McQuade

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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