



# Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters**: reflecting on the past and looking to the future of music studio teaching.



When you first started teaching, did you ever feel like you needed to share everything you know with your students? Every insight. Every technique. Every shortcut to success. After all, isn't that what great teachers do - we equip students with all the knowledge we've worked to acquire? Which may be good reason to take a look at the topic of "What I Wish I'd Known from the Start". Read [MORE...](#)

All the best with your teaching!

*Merlin Thompson*

*Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C*

## Montreal Workshops

Check out this outstanding in-person workshop specifically designed for current university music students and recent graduates.

### **All Instrument/Voices Beginner Music Teacher Workshop**

**Option 1: Montreal, Sunday July 6**

**Option 2: Montreal, Monday July 7**

**For more info - [click HERE](#)**

**To register - [click HERE](#)**

## TM21C Podcasts



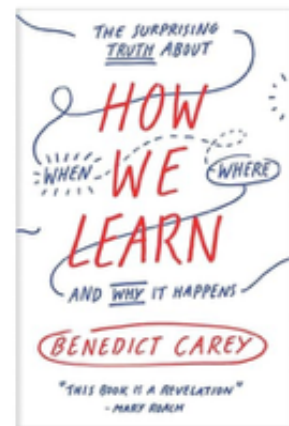
### **Podcast #47: Four Curriculum Models**

Did you know there are Four Curriculum Models that can completely transform your music teaching and create successful results for a broad diversity of music students? Check out this discussion with Merlin Thompson and Paul McGlinchey. Audio link [HERE](#). Video link [HERE](#)

## How We Learn by B. Carey

On the benefits of forgetting - "Forgetting enables and deepens learning, by filtering out distracting information and by allowing some breakdown that, after reuse, drives retrieval and storage strength higher than they were originally". An amazing book of valuable information for music teachers.

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.

👉 [Click here](#) to register

## Calgary Workshops

Are you a current university piano student or recent graduate?  
Would you like to know more about teaching beginner piano students?

Then please plan to attend ---

### **Beginner Piano Teacher Workshop**

**Option 1: Calgary, Saturday July 26**

**Option 2: Calgary, Saturday August 9**

**For more info - [click HERE](#)**

**To register - [click HERE](#)**

## Upcoming Dates

**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

**May 15:** "Teaching with Social Movements in Mind" & "The Role of  
Four Curriculum Models in Teaching with Diversity". Presentations for  
the Music Health Research Institute at UOttawa.

## 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](mailto:Admin@TeachMusic21C.com)  
and we'll get together!





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