



Music Teaching Matters

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



I'm always amazed at the power of words. Take for example the statement: "I can imagine you sharing this piece with others someday". It's the kind of statement music teachers incorporate that confirms the importance of music in students' lives. It's the kind of statement that can shift our students' perspective, inviting them to envision possibilities they might not have dared to imagine on their own. [Read MORE...](#)

All the best with your teaching!

Merlin Thompson

Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C

Music Teaching 101

A **FREE** event sponsored by U Calgary, Long & McQuade, and Teaching Music 21C.

Music Teaching 101
Saturday, July 19
Craigie Hall, U Calgary

9:30-noon Workshop for Keyboardists and Vocalists
2:00-4:30 Workshop for All Instruments except Keyboards and Voices

For more info and to REGISTER- [click HERE](#)

TM21C Podcasts



Podcast #48: Music Student's First Concert

How long do you think music teachers should wait before their students' first concert? What if it took place in students' very first lesson?

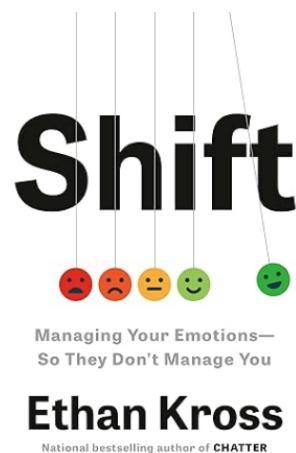
Join Merlin Thompson and Lorrie Merrell as they explore the benefits of including a short concert performance in students' first lesson.

Audio link [HERE](#). Video link [HERE](#).

Recommended Reading

"Our emotions, both the positive and the negative ones, are tools we use to navigate the world. They influence who we fall in love with and who we hate. They motivate us to stay longer hours at work to realize our dreams and rein in our aspirations when they no longer serve us. They can fill our lives with health and vitality or sap our energy when we lose sight of what matters." **Shift by Ethan Kross** is available on

[Amazon](#).



TM21C Certification



Are you looking to expand and enhance your music teacher skillset? Please join TM21C Certification and expand your teacher toolkit with summer professional development.

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.

👉 [Click here to register](#)

Beginner Piano Teacher Workshop

Designed specifically for current university piano students or recent graduates, this five-hour workshop covers all the basics. Student interests. Technique. Communication. Repertoire. And more.

Sign up now and reserve your spot for this IN-PERSON workshop.

Option 1: Calgary, Saturday July 26

Option 2: Calgary, Saturday August 9

For more info - [click HERE](#)

To register - [click HERE](#)

Upcoming Dates

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

"What Neuroscience has to Say About Practicing" 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.

May 22: 10-11 a.m. Calgary time

"Twenty Years from Now" presentation for Calgary branch ARMTA

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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