



Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters**: info & insight for curious, compassionate, and courageous 21st century music teachers.



As you probably know, I spend a lot of time thinking about what it means to be a music studio teacher in today's music teaching world. Something that really impresses me is how we're going through an extraordinary transformation in teacher mindset. Unlike previous generations, today's teachers are increasingly comfortable helping students explore a wide range of musical goals and personal interests. Here at Teach Music 21C, this flexibility may lead to unfamiliar territory, but it also invites deeper connections with our students. [Read MORE...](#)

All the best with your teaching!

Merlin Thompson

Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C

Music Teacher Questions

Here are three questions to prompt reflective examination of your music teaching approach --

1. How has your understanding of success as a music teacher evolved over time?
2. What small change can you make in your teaching this week to nurture your students' musical drivers?
3. What might hold you back from allowing your music teaching to evolve?

If you're looking for help in responding to these questions, the community of Teach Music 21C is here for you.

TM21C Podcasts



What a joy to announce our 50th Podcast!!

We're celebrating 50 podcasts by exploring a topic that's always on music teachers' agenda - Concert Preparation. Join Lorrie Merrell and Merlin B. Thompson as they go through various steps and processes for successful concert preparation. And if you've got tips you'd like to share, please drop us a note when you can. Cheers!

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

For Music Teachers

In every lesson, music teachers open our eyes and ears to what's possible to achieve and what's impossible to imagine. We never know what unexpected turn may impact our students' future as lifelong music makers.

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](#)

Summer Workshops

Summer 2025 is filled with an entire array of Music Teacher

Workshops from Teach Music 21C.

- July 6 & 7 - Beginner Music Teacher Workshop (Montreal)
- July session - Suzuki Enrichment Workshop (online 10 hours)
- July 26 - Beginner Piano Teacher Workshop (Calgary)
- August session - Suzuki Enrichment Workshop (online 10 hours)
- August 9 - Beginner Piano Teacher Workshop (Calgary)

Stay tuned for the Final Schedule Announcement coming the end of May.

Upcoming Dates

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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