



Music Teaching Matters

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



There are endless informal ways people come together to make music - singing in the car, joining in a chorus of Happy Birthday, carols around the piano, a rousing theme at a sports event. The list goes on and on. So - How can music teachers tap into the spirit of these impromptu and engaging events? TM21C enthusiast Josanna Justine has a great idea for making stronger connections all based on the "East-Coast Kitchen Party". To read more about her inspirational insight, [Click HERE...](#)

All the best with your teaching!

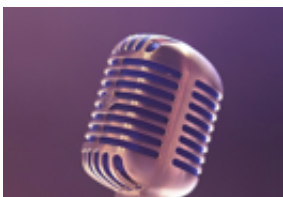
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21st Century Music Teaching

Teaching music in the 21st century means meeting students where they are. It's about guiding them towards places we could never have imagined they could go. Our flexibility and curiosity are just as important as our musical expertise.

TM21C Podcasts



Here are two recent additions... Enjoy!

#51 Best Music Teacher Phrases - Lorrie

Merrell and Merlin Thompson explore how



communication and the words we use play an important role in music lessons.

#52 Times Have Changed - Paul McGlinchey and Merlin Thompson explore how today's music lessons look different from previous generations.

Lots of food for thought.

Audio links [HERE](#). Video link #51 [HERE](#), #52 [HERE](#)

For Music Teachers

Every lesson is an opportunity to celebrate meaningful musical connections - no matter how big or small. Music teachers build the confidence that fuels our students as lifelong music makers.

TM21C Certification



Are you looking to enhance your music teacher skillset? Would you like to join forward-thinking music teachers from across Canada & USA? The summer schedule for Teach Music 21C Certification is here.

You'll explore 5 one-hour modules:

- Module 1 - 21st Century Mindset
- Module 2 - Curriculum Models
- Module 3 - Communication
- Module 4 - Practicing
- Module 5 - Expanding Success

July Cohort:

- July 16 - 10-12 a.m. MST
- July 17 - 10-11 a.m. MST
- July 18 - 10-12 a.m. MST

August Cohort:

- August 13 - 10-12 a.m. MST
- August 14 - 10-11 a.m. MST
- August 15 - 10-12 a.m. MST

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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)

More Information & Registration [HERE](#)

- July session - Suzuki Enrichment Workshop (online 10 hours)
- July 26 - Beginner Piano Teacher Workshop (Calgary)

More Information & Registration [HERE](#)

- August session - Suzuki Enrichment Workshop (online 10 hours)
- August 9 - Beginner Piano Teacher Workshop (Calgary)

More Information & Registration [HERE](#)

Upcoming Dates

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

"Twenty Years from Now" presentation for Calgary branch ARMTA

June 12: 10-11 a.m. Calgary time

"Teaching June Lessons with Summer and September in Mind"

Sponsored by Long & McQuade.

June 19: 10-11 a.m. Calgary time

Idea of the Month Webinar with Merlin B. Thompson

Questions, Thoughts

Do you have questions?

Would you like more info?

How about chatting with Merlin Thompson?



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