



Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters** - your resourceful collection of inspirations for today's music teachers from Teach Music 21C.



Wherever I go, there always seems to be a certain question on music teachers' minds - *How do we get students to practice?* Somehow I have the impression music teachers might be better served by a different question - *What strategies can we use to inspire and empower the musical journeys our students would like to take?* In this newsletter, you'll find tools that point in this direction. Some of which will feel familiar. Others may require a period of getting comfortable. And as always, [Teach Music 21C](#) is here to help with ideas you won't find anywhere else. Thanks for including this Newsletter in your day!

Enjoy your teaching, *Merlin B. Thompson*
Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C

Spring Discount Days April 2-4

Spring is in the air! And we're happy to offer a **20% Spring Discount** on your Registration for the April 15 Certification start date. This course takes place on Mondays April 15, April 29, May 13, May 27, and June 10. [Register here](#) for the April 15 start date and get your discount now!

Times Have Changed

Would you like to match students with repertoire that fits who they are? Then be sure to check out [Part 5: Curriculum Models](#) by Merlin B. Thompson from the series Times Have Changed. The solution may be easier than you think.



Music Teacher Podcasts

[Podcast #6](#) from the Teach Music 21C Podcast Series: "Students' Own Choice Concert". An informative discussion with Connie Bell and Merlin B. Thompson on the immediate and longterm benefits of students working on and performing their own choices.



TM21C Certification FAQs

Who is this course for? All genres of music teachers - vocal, instrumental, online, in-person, Suzuki, exam-based, conservatory, independent.

How many modules are there? There are five modules in total.

What's the time commitment? We meet online for one hour for each module.

What makes TM21C Certification unique? 21st century tools and strategies that work in today's music teaching environment.

Thoughts for Today

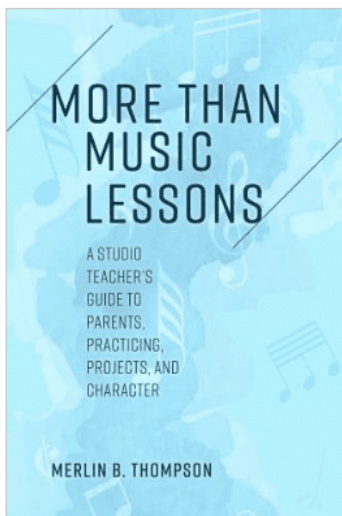
"Instructions are good for factory assembly. Conversations are good for understanding one another."

"A good teacher is curious to know how students think. Some teachers are mostly interested in telling students how to think."



From "More than Music Lessons"

Teaching Tip



Get to know your student's character, sense of self, and authenticity.

1. Watch what students do.
2. Listen to what students have to say.
3. Be prepared for students to gradually evolve.

(Kindle & paperback available on [Amazon](#))

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, April 16, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Idea of the Month Webinar (sign up [here](#))

May 13-14

Presentation at U Calgary

Saturday, June 1

Presentation for Calgary Music Teachers

Sunday, June 16

Presentation for Texas Music Teachers Conference

Hope to see you there!

Get your discount on Certification now!

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Teach Music 21C professional development is more than a certificate. It's an investment in your career that pays dividends in students' retention, satisfaction, and success. We hope you'll join us in changing the tone of music teaching.

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