



Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters**: where we ask big questions, challenge old habits, and reimagine music teaching.



Over the last several months, it's been interesting for me to note how the topic of "efficiency" in music teaching has surfaced from time to time. I see it on social media platforms when music teachers reach out with concerns like the following: *"I'm not sure what to do. How can I get more efficiency in my students' lessons? I'd really like to get more things done before they head home. The lesson time goes by so quickly."* Let me share with you my own experience and how the above concerns find resonance within Teach Music 21C. Read [more...](#)

With appreciation for all you bring to your students,

Merlin Thompson

Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C

Report Card Template

Thanks to everyone for your interest in Student Report Cards. I've uploaded an **"editable template"** so that you can enter your own information as appropriate. Click [HERE](#) to download your FREE template from Teach Music 21C.

TM21C Podcasts





#56 How to Nurture Music Student

Community - Such a great topic! Merlin Thompson and Paul McGlinchey examine the various ways music teachers can strengthen their community of students. Super ideas!

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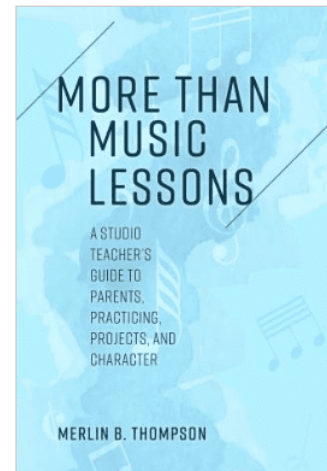
Quotable Quotes

Music is what language
would love to be
if it could.

From John Donoghue - Irish poet and philosopher.

Summer Reading

Filled with over fifty practical and inspirational teaching tips, *More than Music Lessons* is a must-read for every genre of music studio teacher: vocal, instrumental, traditional, individual, group, Suzuki, exam-based, online, in-person, and more. It's the kind of book you can read one page at a time and skip from one section to another. A super music teacher resource. Available on [Amazon](#).



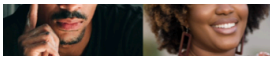
TM21C Certification



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- 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

Invest in your teaching. Inspire your students. Join a dynamic community of music teachers.

Only \$99 CAD

👉 [Click here to register](#)

In-Person Summer Workshops

Summer 2025 is bursting with fresh IN-PERSON opportunities to grow your teaching! Check out this dynamic lineup of music teacher workshops designed to spark new ideas and build practical skills.

- 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

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

"Teaching June Lessons with Summer and September in Mind"

Sponsored by Long & McQuade. Register [HERE](#).

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

"Music Teaching for Today". Idea of the Month Webinar with Merlin B. Thompson. Register [HERE](#).

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
and we'll get together!



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