



Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters**: your source of summer music teacher inspirations with ideas and actions from Teach Music 21C.



It's the middle of summer. A perfect time for some reflection and looking back on my teaching career. What jumps out? Two "pivotal conversations". I call them my "pivotal conversations" because they genuinely shifted my attention and challenged me to think about teaching in ways I hadn't anticipated. [Read more...](#)

Hope you're enjoying the summer break,
Merlin Thompson
Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C

Summer Certification

Do you have 5 hours in August for Professional Development? This August, you can transform your teaching **in just five hours** with Teach Music 21C Certification. Make this August the time **you reimagine** what music teaching can accomplish.

TM21C Certification consists of 5 one-hour online modules **you won't find anywhere else**:

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

Our three-day August Schedule makes it work:

- Wed., August 13 - 10-12 a.m. MST
- Thurs., August 14 - 10-11 a.m. MST
- Friday, August 15- 10-12 a.m. MST

All for only \$99.

[Click HERE to Register.](#)

What we're doing...

At Teach Music 21C --

We're asking different questions.

We're using 21st century teaching tools.

We're preparing our students for lifelong music making.

We believe making music is a great way to invest in our quality of life.

Podcast Recommendation

Technique On A Universal Scale

Are you looking for an **informative podcast**?
Would you like to know more about **breathing**?
What about **energy** and engaging **the core** in
music performance?



[Click HERE](#) for an outstanding podcast from Dr.
Merlin B. Thompson. **You'll be glad you did.**

Beginner Piano Teacher Workshop

Are you a **university piano student** or recent grad thinking
about teaching piano?

Are you in Calgary or Southern Alberta?

Do you know someone who fits that description? Please help get
the word out!!

Beginner Piano Teacher Workshop is designed to help get your piano teaching career started with confidence.

When: Saturday, August 9, 9:30-noon and 2:30-5:00

Where: Calgary in-person location

Tuition: \$80

More Information & Registration [HERE](#)

Summer Reflections

Do you have questions on your mind?
Are there topics you'd like to explore?

Send me a message at
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I'm always interested in hearing from today's
music teachers.



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