



# Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters** - your weekly exploration of practical ideas for today's music teachers from Teach Music 21C.



20 years from now - what music making activities will your grown up students participate in as a result of having had music lessons with you? Will they chill out at their instrument after work? Figure out pieces they've heard on Youtube? Put together a band? At [Teach Music 21C](#), music teachers build and exercise our students' future musical dreams through the lessons we teach today. Communication plays a major role and this Newsletter sheds light on various aspects of communication. How does your communication skillset influence your students' future music making? A great question for all of us!

*Merlin B. Thompson*

*Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C*

## Teach Music 21C Certification

Would you like to expand your music teaching skillset with 21st century tools and strategies? How about starting next week? [Register now](#) for the April 15 Certification start date. This course takes place on Mondays April 15, April 29, May 13, May 27, and June 10.

## Times Have Changed

What does effective communication look

like during music lessons? For practical tips on communication, check out [Part 6: Reflective Partnership Teaching](#) by Merlin B. Thompson from the series Times Have Changed.



## Music Teacher Podcasts

[Podcast #7](#) from the Teach Music 21C Podcast Series: "A Conversation about Questions". Merlin Thompson and Lorrie Merrell explore how the questions music teachers ask influence what students take away from their lessons.



## 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

"Students gravitate towards teachers who want to understand them."

"Music teachers need to dream ahead.

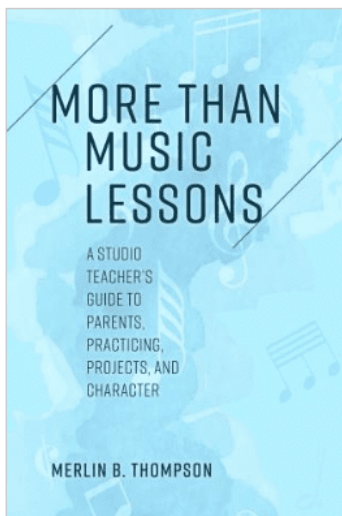
How else will we inspire a future that does not yet exist?"



## From "More than Music Lessons"

### Teaching Tip

*Empower students to express their musicianship and artistry.*



1. Start with open-ended requests.
2. Explore student's, teacher's, and composer's favorite.

(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

## Teach Music 21C Certification Spring/Summer Schedule

Our Spring/Summer Schedule includes April, May, July, and August start dates. [Click here](#) for Start Date info and register for the timeline that works for you.

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