



Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters:** Inspiration for your music teaching journey from Teach Music 21C.



We all know that our students' musical futures are shaped by what we do today. Through countless conversations and explorations, we help students acquire the mindset, tools, strategies, and knowledge to pursue their own musical futures. Which brings me to these questions - How do the activities you include in this week's music lessons have an impact on students' future music making activities 20 years from now? What can music teachers do to sow seeds for our students' future music making? Read more [HERE...](#)

Here's to sowing musical seeds!

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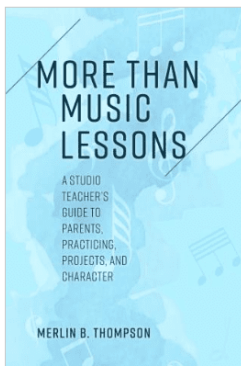
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Music Teacher Wellbeing

Here we are at the end of September and most likely it's been a while since we've had time to think about our own wellbeing. Music teachers can be so busy getting everything organized for our students that we lose track of our own wellbeing. For a short article on what we can do to take care of ourselves, read more [HERE.](#)

More than Music Lessons

Faith has an immeasurable, enduring influence on what musicians may accomplish. So have faith in yourself. Like water freshly drawn from the darkness



of a well and lifted out into the light, play with the clarity of knowing who you are. But that's not all. Also have faith in others near and far. Grip firmly the hands of those you trust. Let them pull you - better yet - catapult you into the uncharted (from page 171). More than Music Lessons is available [HERE](#).

Student Choice/Interests

Are you interested in knowing more about the various layers of Students' Choice/Interests? This video presentation from Merlin Thompson takes a look at this compelling topic from multiple angles including: The Big Picture, Who finds the repertoire, What about difficult repertoire, Making adjustments, and the Back up plan. Enjoy!! Click [HERE...](#)

TM21C Podcast



Episode #64: Music Teacher Isolation

Join this podcast as Merlin Thompson and Paul McGlinchey explore the topic of music teacher isolation and how Teach Music 21C is working hard to make teacher isolation a thing of the past. Click [HERE](#).

Teach Music 21C Certification



Fall Certification Cohorts are here!!

- Tuesday mornings - Our October/November Cohort meets October 7, October 21, and November 4
- Monday mornings - Our November Cohort meets November 10, November 17, and November 24

Register for the Cohort that matches your schedule and join our community of forward-thinking teachers. Together, we'll explore practical strategies, innovative tools, and new

perspectives to empower your teaching.

👉 [Click here to register.](#)

Why is Follow Up important?

#1. Because every time we don't follow up on assignments from last week, we send a message to students that whatever we did at their last lesson wasn't really all that important and students didn't need to follow up on it at home.

#2. Because when we follow up in each week's lesson, we confirm that we value what students do at home AND we're interested in finding out how things turned out.

#3. Did students resolve what needed resolving? Did students run into more problems on their own? Did students achieve success?

Follow Up - it's an absolute must-have for successful music lessons.

Upcoming Dates

October 1: Teaching Music in the 21st Century. Music pedagogy workshop for ARMTA Collegiate Chapter UAlberta.

October 7: Start date for Oct/Nov Certification. Click [HERE](#) to register.

October 20: Music Lessons for the Future: Strategies for Lifelong Music Making. Sponsored by Long & McQuade.

October 25: "We Can Do This: How to Be a Mentor, Facilitator, and Collaborator in Today's Evolving Music Studio Environment".
Presentation for Music Conference Alberta.

November 6: Presentation for UBC music students.

November 10: Start date for November Certification. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Questions, Thoughts

What topics are on your mind?

Is there a question you'd like to ask?

How about chatting with Merlin Thompson?

SEND me a message at
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and we'll get together!



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