



Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters** - your gateway to practical teaching strategies and meaningful resources from Teach Music 21C.



At Teach Music 21C, our goal is to empower our students as lifelong music makers. Anchor. Entertainment. Imagination. Soul food. Friend. Energy. These are just a few words that encapsulate their music making experiences. And yet, a thorny issue connected with music making has shadowed music lessons for decades. To read more about the thorny issue, [click here](#).

Are you interested in lifelong music making for your students? Then be sure to check out our Certification program. It's already helped music teachers across Canada and USA.

All the best with your teaching,

Merlin B. Thompson

Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C

Teach Music 21C Certification

The next TM21C Certification begins Wednesday, May 1, and continues May 15, May 29, June 12, and June 19 online from 10-11 a.m. Calgary time. [Register now](#) for the May 1 start date.

Benefits of Lifelong Music Making

1. Play for your own enjoyment.
2. Compose or improvise.

3. Chill out at the instrument.
4. Teach a popular song to a peer.
5. Form your own band.
6. Care for yourself, care for others.
7. And more...



Podcasts Available on Spotify

If you're a Spotify listener, then be sure to add the Teach Music 21C Podcast Series to your playlist. The first 10 episodes are now available.

Check out [#9: "Repetition"](#), a conversation featuring Connie Bell and Merlin Thompson that explores repetition from multiple perspectives.



Teach Music 21C

What is Teach Music 21C? A dynamic community where music teachers fulfill their students' own musical dreams, wish lists, futures.

What do TM21C teachers do? They use flexible 21st century teaching strategies to meet their students' musical needs.

How do long does TM21C Certification take? The online program consists of 5 one-hour sessions. Would you like to join?

In Students Own Words

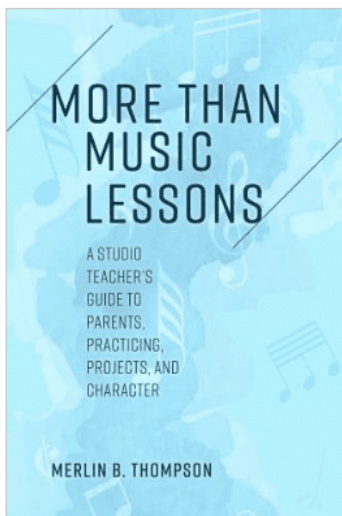
"A celebration isn't a celebration
until there's music."

Rachel (10 years old)



From "More than Music Lessons"

... Music has much to offer, from beauty and enjoyment to entertainment and distraction. When we care for music, it means doing something well, doing something as a



privilege. It means we give what we can to openly communicate the enormity that music brings to our lives. Something larger than ourselves. (Kindle & paperback available on [Amazon](#) & from the publisher [Rowman & Littlefield](#).)

Upcoming Dates

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 May, July, and August start dates. [Click here](#) for Start Date info and register for the timeline that works for you.

Teach Music 21C professional development is an investment in your career that pays dividends in students' retention, satisfaction, and success. Please join us in changing the tone of music teaching.

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