



Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters**: your go-to resource for fresh ideas and practical tips from Teach Music 21C.



In the previous newsletter, I took a moment to shed light on "the core" as a fundamental element to students' musical development. This time around, I've got another element that's essential to all instruments and voices. Can you figure out what it is? [Read on](#) for more.

Hope your teaching is going well!

Merlin Thompson

Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C

Control: CAN & CANNOT

Things music teachers **CAN control**:

- Our values, beliefs, curiosity,
- Our feedback style, studio environment,
- Our sources of information and support,
- Our own self-care.

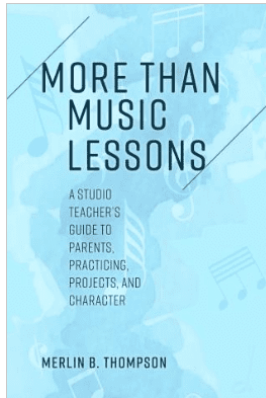
Things music teachers **CANNOT control**:

- How and why our students practice,
- Students' musical tastes and interests,
- Students' external distractions,
- Students' home environment.

Why is this important? Because music teachers work best when we're

grounded in the real world not an ivory tower.

More Than Music Lessons



Are you looking for ways to **freshen up** your students' practicing? Then be sure to take a look at the list of **Challenges in Appendix A** (pages 185-88). You'll find strategies appropriate for long-term and short-term development. Challenges that work for an entire piece, certain bars, and activities outside the repertoire. Take a look when you can. Available on [Amazon](#) or from [Rowman & Littlefield](#).

Food for Thought

Gathering information is
the biggest overlooked advantage
hidden in plain sight.

TM21C Certification - Schedule NOW



Did you know? Teach Music 21C Certification makes it easier than ever for music teachers like you to **embrace change** and empower your students in lifelong music making journeys. With five groundbreaking modules, our Certification program weaves together a combination of **instructional must-haves** you won't find anywhere else. Our next Certification cohorts have start dates in **January and February 2025**.

[Click here to Register NOW!](#)

Testimonial

Feedback from a dedicated music teacher on TM21C Certification:

"The entire approach to teaching music - teach the whole student not just the music, employ curricula and pedagogy that motivate AND instruct to high standards, the role of parents and family, among

many other ideas, Teach Music 21C Certification has clarified my thinking and inspired me to continue to become the teacher I always knew I could be."

Upcoming Dates

January 9: 10-11 a.m. Calgary time

"The Chill Out Concert" - Presentation for Calgary ARMTA members

January 10:

"What I Wish I'd Known from the Start" - Presentation for West Central Branch of the SRMTA.

January 13

Start date for the next Certification program

Register [TODAY](#) and reserve your place. Spots are limited.

Questions, Thoughts

Do you have questions?

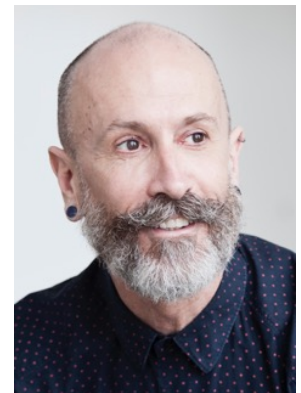
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