



Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters**: resources and inspiration for today's transitioning music teachers from Teach Music 21C.



Everywhere I go these days, I'm impressed to see how many music studio teachers are reevaluating the traditional master/apprentice model. There's an extraordinary transition taking place as teachers work hard to incorporate the various layers of **student-centered teaching**: authenticity, flexibility, collaboration, and reflection. [Read more...](#)

All the best with your own transitioning!

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Tools for Teaching

Meaningful teaching requires teachers to be intentional about our goals and flexible about how we achieve them.

The most resilient music teachers know what they want to achieve and quickly adapt when they see a better way.

Many music teachers do the opposite - they hold on to their methods even when there are better options.

January Idea of the Month Webinar

This month, we shine the spotlight on Music Transfer Students and how music teachers can support their unique journey! Join us to explore best practices for helping music transfer

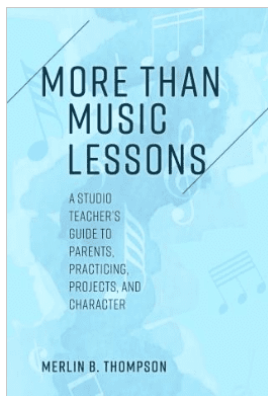
students succeed both personally and musically.

When: Thursday, January 16, 10-11 Calgary time

Hope to see you there!

Register [HERE](#)

On Student-Centered Learning



For today's music teachers, sharing their students' learning journey entails drawing from the various nuances of student-centered teaching. This means teachers envision teaching as a partnership whereby they learn and work *with* students, in contrast to teaching *at* them. Somehow, teachers need to lead the way, walk alongside, get behind, and let go of students, which is an extraordinary undertaking by any means.

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From Author Adam Grant

We're teaching growth mindset wrong. When we only praise effort, kids expect to be rewarded for pulling all-nighters instead of achieving mastery. We owe them a more balanced approach.

Yes, hard work matters, but it is not an end in itself. It's a means to growth and success.

Music Teaching

Sometimes the test of successful teaching isn't how well our students perform in formal concerts. It's what we do with our students when things are going all that well.

TM21C Certification



For everyone who missed our January Start Date - no need to worry. Our next cohort begins Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

We'll help you to expand and enhance your music teacher skillset and feel more comfortable with -

* Trying **new things**.



- * Working with **diverse students**.
- * Solving **perennial problems**.
- * Inspiring **excellence**.
- * Teaching **real life students**.

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On Music Lessons

Student-centered learning in music lessons is about teachers creating the space for students to explore, experiment, and exercise their own voice.

Upcoming Dates

January 14: 10-11 a.m. Calgary time

"Keeping Track of Progress" - Presentation for Edmonton ARMTA

January 16: 10-11 a.m. Calgary time

Idea of the Month. Register [HERE](#).

January 28: 10-11 a.m. Calgary time

"What Music Teachers Need to Know about Practicing" - Presentation for Edmonton ARMTA

February 11

Start date for the next Certification program

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

Questions, Thoughts

Do you have questions?

Would you like more info?

How about chatting with Merlin Thompson?

Schedule your **Conversation with Merlin** [HERE](#).

It's 100% FREE.

What about ideas or thoughts you'd like to share? SEND me a message!



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