



Music Teaching Matters

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Ideas & Inspirations for Today's Music Teachers.



Are you familiar with imposter syndrome? Those feelings of inadequacy that can wreak havoc with music teacher frame of mind. The sense that “I’m not good enough” or “I don’t really know what I’m doing” can be paralyzing, even in the face of real achievements and credentials. Within music teaching, where expectations of expertise are high and many factors influence students’ progress, imposter syndrome can quietly undermine music teacher confidence. [Click HERE](#) to continue reading. Best wishes for your teaching,
Merlin Thompson
Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C

Podcast Recommendation



#93: Group Classes - Best Activity

Supplementary group classes that meet weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly are a mainstay of many music studio programs. Join Connie Bell and Merlin as we explore our number one activity to include. [Listen HERE.](#)

Summer TM21C Certification



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Invest in your growth as a music teacher with



TM21C Certification. **Five informative hours** to explore fresh ideas, deepen your teaching approach, and connect with a forward-thinking music teaching community.

Tuition: \$99 CAD.

Dates: August 12: 9-11 MST, August 14: 10-11 MST, & August 17: 9-11 MST.

Hope to see you there.

[For more Info & to Register: CLICK HERE.](#)

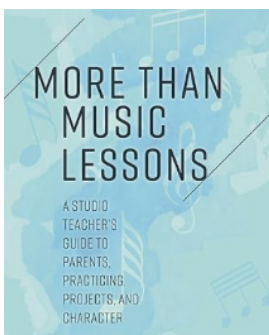
1st Parent Conversation

The first conversation music teachers have with parents can go a long ways to shaping how parents understand what your studio is all about. Here are a few suggestions for key phrases.

- "My goal is to help students deepen their relationship with making music as something they can carry with them throughout their entire life."
- "Practicing isn't just about getting things done. It's about helping students find ways to connect with music so they'll keep coming back to it."
- "Alongside method books and scheduling, I'd like to expand the picture. My focus is on helping students experience music making as a meaningful part of their lives."

The goal is to communicate in ways that are invitational, welcoming, and above all - visionary.

More than Music Lessons



Phrases to include in concert programs:

- Music gives spark to the flame that is the individual's sense of self.
- No matter the level of musicianship, amateur or professional, casual or dedicated, music

ignites something deep inside every person.

- No matter how much time we spend at the instrument, no matter how difficult the repertoire, no matter finishing the piece, we go back for more because music reminds us of who we are.

A super resource for your summer reading.

Get your own copy [HERE](#).

Beginner Piano Teacher Workshop

Back this summer by popular demand!

Workshop length: 4 hours

Dates: Wednesday, August 19, 9-11 MST and Friday, August 21, 9-11 MST.

Tuition: \$149 CAD

Location: Online

Would you like to know how to create successful beginner piano lessons? **Beginner Piano Teacher Workshop** is here to support your teaching with tools and strategies specifically designed for beginner lessons. Hope to see you there!

Here's the link for more info and to register - [Click HERE](#).

Teach With Vision - Inspire For Life

Music Teacher Webinar

Thursday, August 20, 10-11 MST.

A groundbreaking workshop designed to introduce you to an amazing workbook resource:

Teach With Vision - Inspire For Life.

Helping music teachers clarify, communicate, and live out the vision behind our teaching.

Would you like to teach with greater intention?

How about inspiring with greater impact?

Stay tuned for more details!

Upcoming Dates

June 4: Music Lessons for Trust. Presentation for Lethbridge, ARMTA.

June 11: "Inspiring Music Teachers". Presentation sponsored by Long & McQuade. [Register HERE.](#)

July 13: "Reframing the Why: Humanistic Reasons for Music lessons", 2026 Virtual String Teachers Summit.

July 24-31: Four presentations for the ISME World Conference in Quebec City & Montreal.

August 12: Start date for TM21C Summer Certification. [Register HERE.](#)

August 19: Start date for Beginner Piano Teacher Workshop. [Register HERE.](#)

August 20: Teach with Vision, Inspire for Life Workshop

Recommended ReVisiting

Are you interested in knowing more about group class teaching. Check out this blog for a quick look.

- How to Integrate Student Peer Teaching in Group Music Classes: [Click HERE.](#)



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