



Music Teaching Matters

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Imagine, Nurture, Inspire



September is a busy time of year for music teachers. New students arrive. Returning students bring spontaneous interests, remarkable experiences, unusual questions, along with surprising and delightful possibilities. After our summer break, music teachers return to teaching with renewed enthusiasm and awareness. There's an invitation for us to look beyond lessons and imagine where making music might take this student over a lifetime. The possibilities are endless. Students may discover something new, take an unexplored direction for expressing themselves, gain confidence, connect with others, or simply continue to experience the joy of making music they know so well. [Click HERE to continue reading....](#)

Here's to a September filled with possibility --

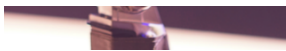
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TM21C Podcasts



#95: Music Teacher Planning for the Unexpected. It's the beginning of the school year. We've done all our planning. We're all set to go. So - What do we do when things don't go according to what we planned out? Join Connie Bell and Merlin Thompson in exploring this



Ben and Fern Thompson in exploring this dynamic topic. [Click HERE to listen](#)

How are things with you?

As a new season of teaching begins, it would be great to hear what's on your mind.

- **What are you excited about?**
- **What are you concerned about?**

If you've got a moment, please share your thoughts. We'd love to listen and learn from what you're experiencing.

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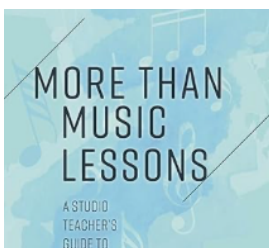
Free Online Webinar - TODAY!

**Starting September with Vision
Tuesday, August 25, 10-11 MST**

September is an opportunity to set the tone for the kind of musical lives we hope our students will build. This workshop webinar is for music teachers who want to begin the year with purpose, inspiration, and a lifelong vision for their students. September sets the tone for everything that follows. It's more than the start of a new teaching season.

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Thank you dedicated music teachers

A heartfelt thank you to all the dedicated music teachers who joined us for our summer TM21C Certification and Beginner Piano Teacher courses. Your openness, curiosity, and willingness to rethink what music teaching can be made these gatherings truly special. It was a privilege to learn and explore alongside you.

Resources For You

Here's a trio of tried-and-tested tools, templates, and ideas to make your September start a little easier. Explore these resources, adapt them to your own teaching, and make them work for you and your students. Click on each one to access --

- [Vision Letter](#)
- [Student Profile Sheet](#)
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