



Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters**: changing the tone of today's music lessons with practical resources from Teach Music 21C.



Group Classes are a mainstay of my teaching. I appreciate how bringing students together once a month fosters a vibrant, collaborative environment that complements our weekly individual lessons. These sessions provide opportunity to dive into a wide range of activities, but there's one activity that stands out more than any other. It's an activity I make certain to include EVERY time around for its longstanding consistent impact. [Read on to learn more!](#)

All the best as you change the tone of music lessons!

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Group Classes

While private lessons focus on personalized, one-on-one instruction tailored to individual progress, group classes create a dynamic environment where students can learn from and with each other, fostering teamwork and communication skills that differ from private lessons.

Free Downloads

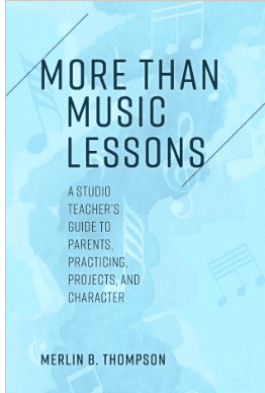
Attention music teachers!

Have you downloaded free materials you from Teach Music 21C?

[Click HERE for Report Cards and Student Profile Sheet](#)

Great resources to help keep you organized!

From More than Music Lessons



*"Music is everywhere.
At home. At work, At play.
With friends, With family. With crowds.
Where time and place take shape.
Where memories live on.
Music is there."
Get your own copy [HERE](#).*

Ideal vs Real Life Students

For previous music teacher generations, the emphasis was often on developing the "ideal" student. Today we're focussed on "real life" students who bring an entire spectrum of challenges, quirks, and strengths. It's what makes music teaching such a dynamic and rewarding journey.

TM21C Certification



🎵 **Elevate Your Teaching with Teach Music 21C Certification!** 🎵

Are you ready to take your music teaching to new heights? TM21C Certification is designed for passionate music studio teachers like you! Join a community that's changing the tone of music lessons —one student at a time. Gain practical strategies and tools you can use immediately to enhance your teaching skills.

Cost - \$99 CAD

Time - 5 one-hour online sessions

Materials - you won't find anywhere else

👉 [Click here to Register NOW!](#)

Music Teaching

Music teaching is more than helping students play the notes on a page. It's a journey of connection, creativity, and growth. For music teachers, our joy is in guiding students to develop their own unique voice and experience the subtle and profound magical moments of music making.

Upcoming Dates

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

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

February 11

Start date for the next Certification program

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

February 21: 7-8:30 p.m. Calgary time

"Beyond the Notes: Collaborative Teaching, Lifelong Impact, and Inspiring Practice" - Calgary Suzuki Strings Association

February 22: 2:3 p.m. Calgary time

"Music Teacher Wellbeing & Self-Care" - Alberta Piano Teachers Association

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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