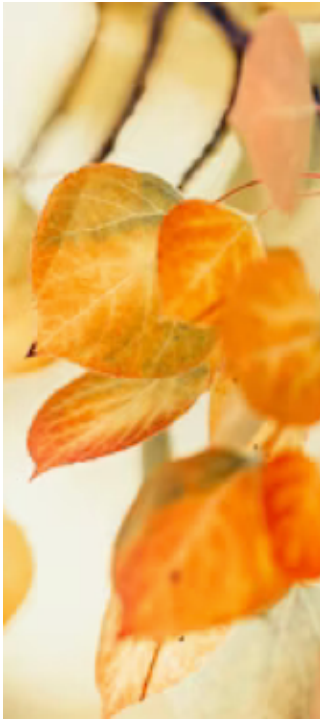




Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters**: fresh insights, teaching strategies, and inspiring conversations for 21st century music teachers from Teach Music 21C.



With September music lessons just days away, I'm wondering about what the year has in store. What will my students take away from their music-making explorations? Fresh directions? Comfortable experiences? Taking risks and exploring the uncharted? When I think about the year ahead, I'm always reminded that music lessons are more than just learning pieces. Read [MORE...](#)

All the best as our teaching gets closer!

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Music Making

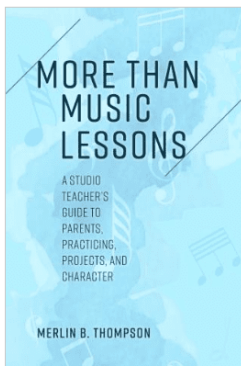
Music making opens every one of us to the endless journey of understanding and expressing ourselves.

Every time we make music, we connect with our strengths, our struggles, and everything in between.

No matter our skill, no matter how hard it gets, no matter how much we achieve, we keep coming back for more. Why?

Because music reminds us of who we are.

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Call to Action

According to renowned education pioneer, Sir Ken Robinson - We are all born with extraordinary powers of imagination, intelligence, feeling, intuition, spirituality, and of physical and sensory awareness. For the most part, we use only a fraction of these powers, and some not at all.

Let's be the music teachers who change that.

Upcoming Dates

August 27: "Getting Ready for September: Music Teacher Strategies for Success". Presented by Long & McQuade. Click [HERE](#) to register.

September 19: Presentation for Chilliwack BCRMTA.

September 27: "Finding the Right Words: Communication from the Start with the End in Mind". Presentation for APTA Conference.

September 30: Start date for Sept/Oct/Nov Suzuki Enrichment. Click [HERE](#) to register.

October 7: Start date for Oct/Nov Certification. Click [HERE](#) to register.

October 25: "We Can Do This: How to Be a Mentor, Facilitator, and Collaborator in Today's Evolving Music Studio Environment". Presentation for Music Conference Alberta.

Questions, Thoughts

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Would you like more info?
How about chatting with Merlin Thompson?

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