



Music Teaching Matters

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Music Teachers & Summer Space



As music teachers, we spend much of the year pouring ourselves into our students' musical journeys. Often, it can feel like there's no end to the list of tasks needing our attention—lessons to plan, emails to answer, performances to prepare for, repertoire to choose, and students to encourage. That's why I appreciate the summer break. It's a welcome opening to recharge our own wellbeing and simply breathe a little more deeply. [Click HERE... to keep reading.](#)

Hope you're enjoying a beautiful summer,
Merlin Thompson
Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C

Summer TM21C Certification



Book Your Summer PD NOW!

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.](#)

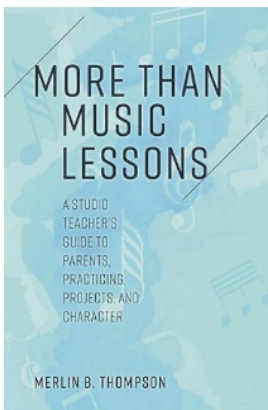
Making Room for You

Take a moment to consider:

- When was the last time you did something simply because it nourished yourself?
- How much unstructured time do you have this week?
- What have you been saying you “don’t have time for” that might actually be important to your wellbeing?
- If you treated your own wellbeing as something worth protecting, what might you do differently?

Music teachers are often very good at making time for everyone else. But how much room do we make for ourselves?

More than Music Lessons



A great summer read!

Filled with over fifty practical and inspirational teaching tips, this book is a must-read for today's music studio teacher. The framework of Parents, Practicing, Projects, and Character gets right to the heart of the matter.

Be sure to spend some time with this book over the summer.

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.](#)

Free Webinar - August 20, 10-11 MST

Teach with Vision - Inspire for Life

Join this webinar and learn how to turn what you believe about music—and what you want for your students—into intentional teaching choices that inspire lifelong music making.

In this timely webinar, you'll explore how to:

- **Identify** what you really want music lessons to give your students
- **Shift** the language so students see themselves musically
- **Communicate** a compelling vision to students and parents
- **Transform** the experience of your lessons

Your vision can change your teaching. Sign up NOW.

[Register HERE for this free webinar!](#)

Upcoming Dates

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

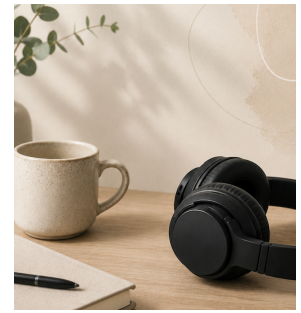
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August 20: Teach with Vision, Inspire for Life Workshop. [Register HERE.](#)

Recommended ReVisiting

Here's a blog that will get you thinking about energy from several perspectives. Enjoy!

- A Universal Approach to Music Technique: Energy - [Click HERE](#)



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