



Music Teaching Matters

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



It's the end of summer. Music lessons are resuming. And music teachers everywhere are thinking about how to help students following their summer break. What steps are productive? What steps are less effective? Try these three steps to reignite students' music making at the beginning of the school year -

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All the best as we resume teaching!

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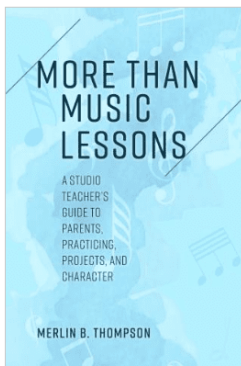
Music Lessons

Every music teacher knows the importance of communication with our students. That's why we make time to find out where students have been, where they are now, and what direction they might like to take next. Not to mention - it only takes a few moments to explore - *WHY* making music matters for them and for us as well.

More than Music Lessons

More than Music Lessons is now published by Bloomsbury. And in celebration of this new availability, Bloomsbury is offering discounts on hardback, paperback, and e-book versions of this book.

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TM21C Podcast



Episode #57: September Big Picture.

Check out this latest podcast from Teach Music 21C. It's a lively discussion with Lorrie Merrell and Merlin Thompson as we explore the September return to lessons and the importance of talking about the "Big Picture".

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Teach Music 21C Certification



- Would you like to know more about engaging your music students?
- Are you interested in tools for working with real life students?
- How about taking steps away from what you've always done?

Teach Music Certification consists of 5 modules you won't find anywhere else! Our goal - to inspire students to explore the music that inspires them. Does that sound like something you're interested in??

👉 [Click here for more info and to register for our Oct/Nov Cohort.](#)

Why Music Lessons?

What purpose will learning to sing or play a musical instrument serve for students in their lives, their futures, their careers? Will making music as an adult be a distraction? Will it reinforce their

relationships with others? What about connecting with traditions and culture?

What small steps can you take in upcoming lessons to ensure students' future as music makers?

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

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

SEND me a message at
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and we'll get together!



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