



# Music Teaching Matters

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## Teaching strategies for today's music teachers.



What keeps music students motivated long-term? What helps students continue making music into adulthood rather than quitting after a few years of lessons? What do music students need from today's music teachers? Music teachers often answer these questions with strategies designed to help students survive the long process of learning an instrument. We suggest effective practice routines and champion excellence. [Click HERE](#) to continue reading.

Best wishes for your teaching,

*Merlin Thompson*

*Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C*

## 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.](#)

## Podcast Recommendation



### **#92: Wrapping Things Up**

It's hard to believe that June is just around the corner and it's time for wrapping things up. Join Lorrie Merrell and Merlin Thompson as we revisit strategies for wrapping up our teaching schedule. [Listen HERE.](#)

## 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: 9-10 MST, & August 17: 9-11 MST.

**Hope to see you there.**

**[For more Info & to Register: CLICK HERE.](#)**

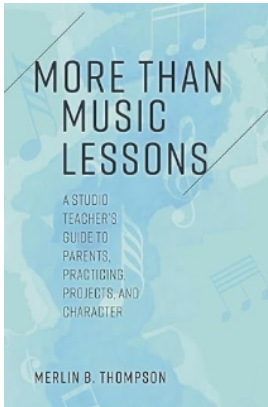
## Concert Introduction

A **thoughtful introduction** to your studio concert can tell the audience a lot about your music teaching approach. Here are a few suggestions for key phrases to use at your next concert.

- "Thank you for being here. What you'll hear today represents students building their own relationship with music - one that I hope will continue long after formal lessons end. Thank you for supporting their musical journey. Enjoy the concert!"
- "Hello and welcome. Today, you'll hear students at different stages of their musical journey. Some moments will feel polished. Others are works in progress. These students are

exercising their own musical voice - their strengths, interests and ways of making music meaningful. The goal isn't to shape students into one model of success, but to help each student build their own lasting relationship with music. Enjoy!"

## More than Music Lessons



### **Teaching Tip Care for music.**

1. Shape performances with emotional expression.
2. Draw from the energy of our breath.
3. Make music in service of a larger cause.

Get your own copy of this practical and inspiring music teacher resource [HERE](#).

## Teach With Vision - Inspire For Life

Music Teacher Webinar

Thursday, May 28, 10-11 MST.

A groundbreaking workshop designed to introduce you to an amazing workbook resource:

### ***Teach With Vision - Inspire For Life.***

Helping music teachers clarify, communicate, and live out the vision behind our teaching.

Would you like to teach with greater intention?

How about inspiring with greater impact?

[Click HERE to reserve your spot NOW!](#)

## Upcoming Dates

**May 28:** Teach With Vision - Inspire For Life webinar. [Save your spot HERE.](#)

**June 4:** Music Lessons for Trust. Presentation for Lethbridge, ARMTA.

**June 11:** "Inspiring Music Teachers". Presentation sponsored by Long & McQuade. [Register HERE.](#)

**July 13:** "Reframing the Why: Humanistic Reasons for Music lessons", 2026 Virtual String Teachers Summit.

**July 24-31:** Four presentations for the ISME World Conference in Quebec City & Montreal.

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

**August 19:** Start date for Beginner Piano Teacher Workshop. [Register HERE.](#)

## Recommended ReVisiting

Music teaching really is a complex undertaking that requires a unique blend of creativity, adaptability, and emotional intelligence. Check out this blog for a quick look at how music teachers may navigate our unique teaching environment.

- What Music Teachers Can Control and Not Control in Our Teaching: [Click HERE.](#)



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