



Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters** - tuning in to our students with ideas and inspirations from Teach Music 21C.



Have you ever had a week of teaching that really made you stop and think - What's going on? Why is this happening? Most likely you have. So you won't be surprised if I tell you that last week was one of those weeks when I realized a group of my students had been stuck on a plateau for quite some time. Now that November is rolling in, I'm thinking it's time to do something about it. [Read more...](#)

All the best in your teaching!

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3 Steps to Successful Music Lessons

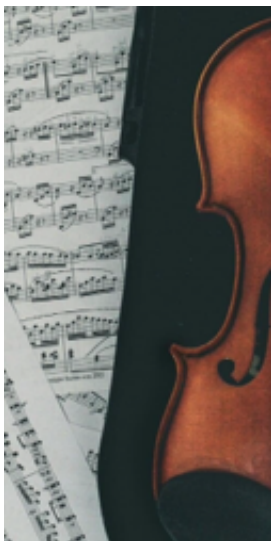
Unlock your students' potential with these proven strategies:

1. Create **safe learning spaces** by getting to know students' interests and goals.
2. Encourage students to use their **reflective capacity** to identify what's working and what's not.
3. Fill in the **gaps** when students need your help.

Implement the above strategies and watch your students thrive!

Music Making in Our Lives

Why are human beings so enraptured by music making? What is it about music making that people from cultures around the world find so



natural and meaningful throughout their entire lives? Through music making, we get to know ourselves and the world around us. Music making is accessible to anyone, in any place, and at any time. There are no age limits on music making nor how often it's allowed. Why is this important for music teachers? [Read more...](#)

Food for Thought

Never underestimate the power of success.

Students with ownership of success
are more likely to build on their success
than students who can't see how they're successful.

Planning for 2025 - Schedule NOW



What are your PD plans for 2025?
**Would you like to enhance or expand your
music teacher skillset?**

Teach Music 21C Certification makes it easier than ever for teachers like you to embrace change and empower your music students in lifelong musical journeys. This five-module Certification program weaves together a groundbreaking combination of instructional must-haves to fulfill students' musical dreams. Check out the January and February Start Dates [here...](#)

Upcoming Dates

November 13

Presentation for Long & McQuade - Let's Talk about Parents

Register [HERE.](#)

November 21

Idea of the Month Webinar

Register [HERE](#) and submit your suggestions for topics to explore.

January 13

Start date for the next Certification program

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

Questions, Thoughts

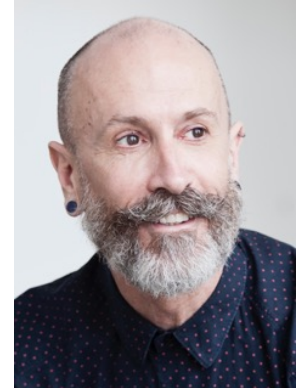
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