



# Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters** - your go-to music teacher resource brought to you by Teach Music 21C.



As music teachers we all know that our students' musical futures are shaped by what we do today. Through countless conversations and explorations, we help students acquire the mindset, tools, strategies, and knowledge to pursue their own musical futures. Which brings me to this question - How do the activities you include in this week's music lessons have an impact on students' future music making activities 20 years from now? [Read more...](#)  
All the best in your teaching!

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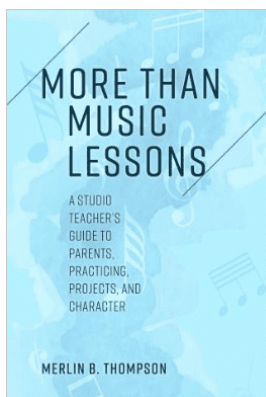
## Follow Up

There may be few things more important for music teachers than providing Follow Up on what we did at our students' previous lesson.

- When teachers include Follow Up in each week's lesson, we confirm that we value what students do at home and we're interested in finding out how things turned out.
- When we omit Follow Up, students may feel that their practice or effort outside of the lesson doesn't matter as much as what happens during the lesson itself.
- With consistent Follow Up, teachers creating opportunities for meaningful feedback, adjustments, and encouragement.

How often do you include Follow Up? Always? Sometimes? Rarely?

## More Than Music Lessons



### Teaching Tip

Uplift students' musical journeys.

1. Help students see what they can't see.
2. Help students work through the mismatch between vulnerability and confidence.

This book is packed with tools and strategies for today's music teachers. Available on [Amazon](#) or from [Rowman & Littlefield](#).

## Food for Thought

Few things in life are more important than spending time with the right people.

Who do you spend your time with?

## Planning for 2025 - Schedule NOW



Yes - it's already time to start thinking about January and February 2025. And what could be better than Teach Music 21C Certification.

We have tools and strategies that music teachers can implement across all ages, performance levels, musical styles, instruments, and voice.

Take our Certification program and you'll come away with:

- \* More flexible ways to engage your students,
- \* Curriculum Models tailored for diversity.
- \* The latest research for effective learning.

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## Upcoming Dates

**November 13: 10-11 a.m. Calgary time**

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

Register [HERE](#).

## **November 21: 10-11 a.m. Calgary time**

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

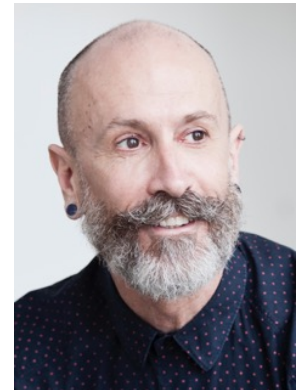
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