**Rebecca’s Music Studio**

**Studio Policy 2023/2024**

**TEACHING APPROACH:**

I use many mixtures of methods and resources – depending on age and skill level. Curriculum and repertoire selection are based on the student’s individual goals and interests.

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**TUTION FEES/ENROLLMENT:**

Weekly ½ hour private lessons are $80/month ($100 for 5 week months). 1 hour lessons are $160/month ($200 for 5 week months). Full month's tuition is due at the first lesson of each month, or by the 10th of the month.

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Weekly 45 minute group classes are $80/month ($100 for 5 week months). Full month's tuition is due at the first lesson of the month, or by the 10th of the month.

**\*NOTE: Lesson fees will be increasing to $84/month ($105 for 5 week months) beginning January 1st, 2024.**

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**\*I do not send out reminders for payments. I recommend adding notifications on your phone or calendar, so I do not have to charge late fees. Also be sure to check whether you have 4 or 5 lessons each month before submitting your payment.**

**LATE FEE:**

If payment is not made by the 10th of the month, a late fee of $10 will be added to each student’s account for that month.

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**REGISTRATION FEE:**

There is an initial, non-refundable registration fee of $30 for each student. ($50 max per family). Students who take a break and later return, will also be charged the same amount for re-enrollment.

**PAYMENT:**

Forms of payment accepted include cash, check, Venmo (@RebeccaErin), or Paypal (Rebeccaerin84@gmail.com)

**PAYMENT FOR MISSED LESSONS:**

Fees are calculated per month, rather than per lesson. Each student’s fees reserve a guaranteed space for a specific time slot, regardless of attendance. I do not wave or adjust monthly fees for missed or cancelled lessons. However, I try to accommodate make-up lessons in the event that I have to cancel on my end due to illness or other conflicts. Virtual lessons are also offered as make-up options.

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**MAKE-UP LESSONS:**

Make up lessons are not guaranteed and are only possible when other students cancel. Virtual lessons are also an option. I will not do more than one make up lesson per month per lesson cancelled or rescheduled by the student. **No make ups are available for group classes.**

**EARLY/LATE ARRIVAL:**

For early arrival, please wait to come in until your scheduled lesson time. I have a full schedule and a big family. For late arrival, I will still need to end lessons at the scheduled time.

**HOLIDAYS:**

I take breaks for Thanksgiving week, 2 weeks Christmas break, and Spring Break. If students need to reschedule due to trips or other engagements, please notify me well in advance so we can reschedule an alternate time for those lessons, as I do not wave lesson fees for vacations and other activities.

**SUMMER:**

Lesson enrollment is year-round, and continues during the summer.

**LESSON TERMINATION:**

Notice is required by the 10th of the month to terminate enrollment and not be charged for the following month. If lesson termination is after the 10th of the month, then attendance is optional but full month's fees will still be charged for the following month.

**RECITALS:**

I have 2 studio recitals per year. Late Spring and Christmas. Students are expected to participate, but may opt out if necessary. Students and parents will be informed of these in advance. Friends and family are welcome and invited to attend. Video and pics are welcome as well. Pics and video may be posted on social media.

**REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

* Notebook (for weekly assignments & practice instructions)
* Lesson books
* Instrument (for practice between lessons)

~ Piano: preferably a full size 88-key keyboard, electric or acoustic

~Strings: correct size instrument (¾, full size, etc.)​, case/bow/rosin, & shoulder rest/or rock stop

**PRACTICE SUGGESTIONS:**

Students are expected to practice every day, if possible, following the notes in their lesson notebook. Parents will need to supervise/assist younger students. Recommended practice times are:

* 10-15 minutes for ages 4 - 6
* 15-20 minutes for ages 7 - 12
* 30 minutes for older students.

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***Signature (Parent/Guardian)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

***Teacher\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

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