# STUDIO POLICY 2022-2023

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# TERMS

Lessons run from September to mid June

- Fall Term: September 6<sup>th</sup> to December 20<sup>th</sup>
- Winter Term: January 9<sup>th</sup> to March 10<sup>th</sup>
- Spring Term: March 21<sup>st</sup> to June 16<sup>th</sup>
- \* Summer Term (optional): July 3rd to August 25th

#### **NO LESSONS**

- Truth and Reconciliation Day: September 30<sup>th</sup>
- Thanksgiving Day: October 10<sup>th</sup>
- Rememberance Day: November 11<sup>th</sup>
- Winter Break: December 21<sup>st</sup> to January 6<sup>th</sup>
- March Break: March 13<sup>th</sup> to March 17<sup>th</sup>
- Good Friday: April 7<sup>th</sup> and Orthodox Good Friday: April 14<sup>th</sup>
- Easter Monday: April 10<sup>th</sup>

#### ATTENDANCE

- Regular attendance is essential to make progress.
- Lessons are offered in an online format through Zoom or Google Meets.

### **MISSED LESSONS**

- Lessons missed by the student for any reason will be made up according to the teacher's discretion, provided that 24-hour notice has been given. If a lesson can't be rescheduled, make-up credit will be offered.
- If I need to cancel the lesson, a make-up lesson will be offered, or the student will be given a make-up credit.
- Lateness to the lesson will not be made up. Late arrival to the lesson is still counted towards lesson time, and will be charged as a full lesson accordingly.
- No refunds, credits or make-ups will be offered for lessons missed without notice. Missed lessons
  without notice will be forfeited.
- Notice should be given as soon as possible.

# TUITION

• Lesson fee is based on an hourly rate. Monthly payment depends on the number of lessons in a given month. Please see the rate below.

# PAYMENTS

Payments are billed monthly. They are due and payable in advance upon receiving an invoice at the beginning of each month, no later than the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the month. Late fee of \$25 will be applied. E-transfer and PayPal are accepted.

The Per-Lesson Rate		
30 minutes	\$22.5	
45 minutes	\$33.75	
60 minutes	\$45	

# ADDITIONAL CHARGES

- Registration fee of \$25 to reserve a spot.
- It is a student's responsibility to print emailed materials, purchase books, pay fees for festivals, competitions and/or exams.
- I may collect additional charges to cover the renting costs for recitals (if applicable).
- There will be a monthly charge of \$4 per student for the subscription to SproutBeat which is an online platform that provides digital theory resources. This is optional and can be cancelled at any time. There will be a trial period offered, and afterwards the students can decide if they want to subscribe.

#### LESSON TERMINATION

- Students have the flexibility to start and end lessons at any point of the school year.
- Two weeks notice is required.

The teacher reserves the right to discontinue lessons should any issues arrise, and will give a month's notice.

### **PRACTICE EXPECTATIONS**

- A daily practice routine is the key to success and progress in music. For younger students parents play an important role in establishing a good practice routine. Create a quiet space and schedule a piano practice session every day.
- Students need to prepare for every lesson by following their weekly assignments. They need to have their pencils, eraser, sheet music, notebook and manuscript paper ready before the lesson starts.
- All students need to have an instrument at home, either a tuned acoustic piano or a digital piano with 88key weighted action and proper foot pedals.
- Purchasing a metronome is highly recommended. It is a valuable tool in daily practice. Optionally, students can use an online metronome or downloadable metronome apps.