



Michelle's Music Studio

Adult Student - Studio Policies (Sept 2023 - May 2024)

Welcome to Michelle's Music Studio! I am a passionate piano teacher who offers personalized piano lessons tailored to each student. I strive to set each student up for success as they work towards achieving their goals.

My students and I work hard and we have fun! I strive to create a safe learning environment where students feel comfortable to take risks. I empower students to push through challenges and move them forward on their musical learning continuum. We make mistakes and learn from them.

Professional Development is something I value so I intentionally network with colleagues several times a month in addition to attending workshops in person and online honing my pedagogy. I have been teaching for over 30 years. I am an experienced teacher who loves learning and I love music theory! I operate a boutique music studio in Kelowna, BC who operates from 7:45 am - 4:45 pm. Many of my students are retirees, working professionals, university students and teens. I also teach many children.

Practice is essential for progress. 😊 I ask that students commit to a practice routine to set themselves up for success. I understand there are weeks that practice routines change (holiday, illness, visitors, etc.) and remain supportive, gracious and encouraging, though I like us to strive for a regular practice schedule as students grow in confidence and in musicianship best with routine. The length is dependent on the student. In short, you get out of piano lessons what you put into them. You can do this!

2023-2024 Lesson Tuition

Lesson Tuition is **\$110/month** (for 30 minute lessons) or **\$165/month** (for 45 minute lessons)

** Tuition is due by the 1st of the month September 1, 2023 - May 1, 2024

The tuition includes 31 lessons and I offer some flexibility for my adult students when necessary provided you book all 31 lessons. The studio is typically closed for 2 weeks at Christmas and 2 weeks at Spring Break and 1 week in February. I email out the studio calendar in August though there will still be some "wobble room" should you need to shuffle lessons at some point due to travel or scheduling conflicts. In the event a student or teacher is unwell or roads are slippery, a Zoom lesson is offered. My students who have opted for Zoom lessons periodically are surprised at how great the set up is. I have a camera suspended above the piano to see my hands at the piano in addition to video of me at the piano. I offer shared screens in addition and it works very well. Some students have opted to stay online because it works well for them.

Studio Calendar

The teaching year begins in September after Labour Day and finishes in May. The studio operates on a 9 month schedule to accommodate summer plans. I offer my adult students a flexible schedule in that their tuition pays for 31 lessons - you may choose which weeks you attend from the studio calendar. Summer Drop-In Lessons can be booked June - August.

Late Fees

Tuition is due by the 1st of the month for the upcoming month (September 1 - May 1). *

A gentle reminder there is a \$10 late charge applied to accounts automatically on the 2nd of each month by MyMusicStaff for outstanding charges. Families may access their account and see upcoming lessons booked through the MyMusicStaff Login on the studio website (www.michellesmusicstudio.com)

* Kindly provide 1 month notice for withdrawal from lessons.

* E-transfers are accepted at musicalmichelle2081@gmail.com

Illness / Absences

In the event of illness or preference, Zoom lessons are offered at your scheduled day and time. If you are unable to attend your lesson in-person or on Zoom a recorded lesson may be requested.

What if I miss a lesson? You are buying the lesson time; not buying a lesson. If you forget or choose not to attend, regardless of circumstance, you have still paid for your instructor's time. Drop-in lessons are charged at a higher rate through the website for those looking for occasional daytime / summer lessons. **There are no refunds for missed lessons.** The instructor is not obligated to supply make-up lessons. If your instructor is sick, she will advise you in advance and meet you on Zoom that week unless you prefer to come in person (she will mask). If your instructor cancels, your time will be rescheduled.

Registration Fee

There is a \$50 fee per student per year (due by June 1st to hold your lesson time). This will be invoiced in mid-May and you have until June 1st to pay to hold your lesson day and time for the upcoming year. This helps offset the costs of music books, digital music subscriptions, piano maintenance and tunings, printing, copying, administration, taxes, insurance and much more.

Curiosity

My goal is to remain curious as I try to understand how each of my students learns. I do my best to support each student's learning style, adjust the pace and meet students where they are at. I strive to be clear, direct and kind in my communication. In the event that you are finding something isn't working please let me know. I want to be sure you are set up for success and feeling empowered to play!