

Policies

(updated May 2022; new pricing starts Fall Quarter 2022)

Payments and Cancellations

Private lessons are \$42/40-minute lessons, and \$56/55-minute lessons. Most students will require 40-minute lessons; 55-minute lessons are for more advanced students. I accept check and cash in person, as well as credit card and ACH online only. Payments are due ON or BEFORE the first lesson.

In an effort to streamline my invoicing and billing practices, this year I will offer two payment options for students. **Quarterly and Packages**

Quarterly is for students who come weekly and is paid the first week of the quarter. The benefit is that Quarterly students will get one lesson included for FREE per quarter. In exchange, I am not refunding or crediting any excused absences towards the next quarter. If there are illnesses or weather issues, you have one free lesson and ALWAYS can do a Zoom lesson. Please continue to keep me informed of any potential absences as soon as you can.

Packages will be 5 pre-paid lessons to be used within a 3 month time span. All 5 lessons must be scheduled at the time of purchase. Rescheduled and excused absences (contact me 24 hours or more before the lesson) will be honored only through the 3 month period. Unexcused absences where the student informs me less than 24 hours before their absence will be forfeited.

Quarter	Due	Number of lessons scheduled	40-minute price	55-minute price
Fall 2022	9/12/2022	11 for 10	\$420	\$560
Winter 2023	1/2/2023	11 for 10	\$420	\$560
Spring 2023	4/3/2023	11 for 10	\$420	\$560
Package				
5 lessons	At first lesson	5	\$210	\$280
Summer 2023	6/12/2023	At least 5	# x \$42	# x \$56

As always, If I cancel (weather, illness, malfunctioning equipment, etc.), I will either propose a make-up day/time, or credit that lesson to you for next Quarter or Package. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call/text/e-mail me.

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COVID-19

Please do not come to lessons if you have reason to quarantine or feel ill in any way; contact me immediately and I can easily do a Zoom lesson.

I will continue to take stock day-by-day of the Covid-19 Pandemic and I will do my best to offer in-person lessons as long as folks are interested and I consider it within a reasonable risk. I will make hand sanitizer available at my office and I can abide by a 6-foot distance between us or wearing a mask, if requested, at any time.

We will follow government masking rules when necessary and keep an open line of communication regarding possible exposure and test results. If we need to revert back to all-online lessons, I can assist with any tech issues during the first lesson if we have not met virtually before.

Lesson Expectations

Show up at or before your scheduled lesson time with your:

- Fiddle
- Bow
- Rosin
- Shoulder rest
- Any lesson materials (books, sheet music, bouncy balls, recordings, etc.)

I will give you my full attention and I expect you to do the same. Together, we will make some goals and I will assign you homework geared toward fulfilling those goals. If you are unable to do the homework between lessons, we will spend the next lesson doing that homework. It is in your best interest to contact me as soon as you can before the next lesson if you can't find your homework, you don't understand your homework, or you find the homework too difficult.

All students will have **listening homework** to do. Find a device and/or location and figure out how you will do at least 20 minutes of listening daily. Listening practice is the easiest practice and the bare minimum if you do not pick up your instrument that day. The players who have the easiest time learning are those who have done the most listening.

NEW TUNE incentive!

Each student will have access to a shared Google Drive folder into which I will put my lesson notes. Over the years, I think I have made it **too easy** on my students. This year, as an incentive for students to interact more closely with the lesson material, **students who show me that they are taking notes during the lesson OR show me a re-written version of the notes I wrote will receive a NEW TUNE!** It might be written down or recorded and I will take requests. This is also a chance for you to build your personal library of tunes outside of our lessons.

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Zoom Logistics

If we are on Zoom, you will enter a waiting room and I will let you in when I am ready. Do your best to tune before the lesson, but we will check it at the beginning of the lesson, too. You should not change your screen name or background during the lesson. **If possible, please leave your video on and position yourself so I can see your entire left hand and right hand.** You may need to sit or stand farther away from the screen. Pickles. Technological difficulties will be attended to as they come. I will give you all the help I can during the lesson time, but you are ultimately responsible for maintaining a working device, microphone, and headphones/speakers.

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