

Mark J. Middleton, Piano and Guitar Instructor

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Music Lessons Contract

Student Information: _____

Name of Student: _____

Name of Student's Parent: _____

(if student is under 18)

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Rates

You have the choice of paying per month or per session. There is a 25% discount for monthly payments.

\$40 per 30-minute lesson or \$120 per month (4, 30 minute lessons)

\$60 per 45-minute lesson or \$180 per month (4, 45 minute lessons)

\$80 per 60-minute lesson or \$240 per month (4, 60 minute lessons)

Payment should be made in the form of cash or check made out to "Mark Middleton" and is due at the beginning of each month for monthly payment, or at the beginning of each session for single lessons. I reserve the right to permanently terminate lessons if payment is missed for three consecutive lessons. Prices are subject to change.

Practice Expectations

For optimal results I recommend the following:

- Young children should set aside 30 minutes per day for practice/assignments.
- Students who are of the age of 10 or above should set aside 45 minutes or more.

Practice sessions should be no longer than 30 minutes in length for younger students. Older students should use breaks during longer practice sessions, usually taking 5 minutes of rest after every 30 minutes of practice. Fatigue and injuries due to overuse can eventually become a concern if the student does not utilize sufficient practice breaks.

Students must have an instrument to practice on. At the very minimum, a full sized (88-key) fully weighted keyboard is recommended.

Please initial and date: _____

Attendance

- Students who are running late for any reason are expected to text as soon as possible. Your lesson time will not be extended because you are late, and you will still be charged the full amount for that lesson. If I am running late for any reason, I will notify you as soon as possible and make up the full lesson time to you.
- If a student is more than 15 minutes late, the lesson is considered over, and no refunds will be given.
- No refunds or credits are given for cancellations of lessons at any time. I am holding a spot for you in my schedule, whether you are present or not, on-time, or late.
- If you need to miss a lesson for any reason, please text me. Sometimes if two students cancel their lesson, they can swap times. There is no guarantee of a make-up lesson, however – it fully depends on whether another student has cancelled a lesson. The number of time slots within my teaching schedule is very limited.
- Lessons cancelled by the teacher beyond the “quarter break” will be rescheduled to my day off, or a credit will be given.

Illness

- If you are ill or recovering from an illness, please let me know as soon as possible and we can do your lesson via ZOOM. In this age of not only colds and flu, but also COVID-19, it is important to stop the spread of illness.
- I do request that masks be worn for in-person lessons between Halloween and Easter each year. Much of my work and income requires that my voice and lungs remain as healthy as possible. Masks are a request and lessons will not be cancelled if a student is not wearing a mask. It is a courtesy since we are in close proximity for an extended length of time.
- Hand sanitizer is provided in the studio and is required before playing on the piano as it is a shared surface.

Student Responsibilities

- Students are responsible for bringing their own books, instruments (except piano), and other materials needed for the lessons they are receiving. If you forget to bring the assigned books or materials to the lesson, I reserve the right to dismiss you from the lesson and you will still be charged.
- Students are expected to prepare their lesson material to the best of their ability. This is your homework! Maintain the best possible care of your instrument.

Please initial and date: _____

Lesson Books

- The teacher will order your books for you and bill them to you. This will avoid the purchase of incorrect books.

Policy for students under the age of 18

- It is my policy that a parent or guardian must be present at all times while a minor is present, and shall have the right to be within sight and sound of the minor. For the protection of the teacher, a surveillance camera is also present inside the studio that will record each student's lesson.

Terms of this contract are subject to change at any time, and notice will be given.

By signing this contract I acknowledge that I have read and understand the terms and conditions of this contract. I have a copy of this information for future reference.

Student's Signature/Date _____

Student's Name (print) _____

Parent's Signature/Date _____

Parent's Name (print) _____

Teacher's Signature/Date _____

Teacher's Name (print) _____