

Innovative Music Instruction

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Course Description

Private lessons are given in piano, voice, guitar, composition, and recording. A 30-minute intensive lesson incorporates all aspects of the instrument. This includes musicianship, technique, repertoire, theory, ear training, sight-reading, and improvisation. All styles of music can be covered.

Registration

A registration fee of \$15 per student for private lessons is required. This fee covers enrollment costs, special supplies, and textbook acquisition costs. This fee will be paid once every program year. A program year is from September through June.

Textbooks and Materials

The teacher will discuss with the students the type of books and materials he feels is most appropriate. Average cost for materials is approximately \$30.00. The teacher will provide Amazon links to the appropriate books or direct the student to a store such as Music and Arts in Clay where sheet music is available. The student shall always bring the materials to class in a neat and orderly fashion.

Tuition and Fees : Private Lessons

- A. One half hour private lesson is \$27.50
- B. Payment is "by the month" for a total of \$110.00 (4 half hour lessons)
- C. Some months include holidays and have 3 or 5 weeks in them – see calendar or please contact Mark Chatwin for special arrangements.
- D. Please make checks payable to Mark Chatwin or Innovative Music Instruction.
- E. Tuition is due on the last lesson of the previous month.

Recital

The fee for recital is \$10 payable in the monthly tuition for that month in which the recital is scheduled – usually June and December.

Practice

It is recommended that the student practice at least 25 minutes per day for 4-5 days per week.

School Policy

This contract is designed to provide a framework for a successful parent/student/teacher relationship. My policies are as follows:

- A. This is a month-to-month contract. The tuition you pay reserves a place for the student in a weekly lesson.
- B. Please call the teacher if the student will miss class. If there is a cancellation, the day's lesson fee (\$27.50) will be forfeited unless the slot is filled with a paying customer in which case the lesson will be made up. This rarely happens because most cancellations are such short notice that a new paying customer cannot be found in time. However I always will try to mitigate customer losses. For example in the student's absence I can make a specialized lesson plan with some recorded tracks for the student to practice to. I can also compile some custom pieces of music for the student to play. These are things that take time to do and thus can mitigate a missed lesson. If a student cancels a lesson due to illness, emergency, personal commitment or any other reason, the teacher will try to "work-out" the missed lesson by offering another lesson. However there is no guarantee. The amount of prior notice is a factor. With enough prior notice I can fill your spot and/or re-arrange my time and offer a makeup lesson.
 - Same day notice or no notice at all-lesson fee will be forfeited.
 - 24 hour notice – a possibility of working out a makeup.
 - 48 hours or more notice – a very good chance of working out a makeup.
- C. In the event of a public school "snow day" the lesson may be cancelled. Please call the teacher to confirm a cancellation. A make-up lesson will be arranged for the student. Some students can still make it to the studio in snowy conditions. Even on snow days I am typically at the studio ready to teach.
- D. The parent/student may terminate this agreement at any time during the month but that month's tuition will be forfeited if the student decides not to attend the rest of that month's lessons.
- E. The teacher may terminate this agreement at any time. However the teacher will let the student know two weeks in advance (or to the end of the month) so as to find a new teacher. Some reasons the teacher may terminate:
 - Too many students' absences or too much tardiness.
 - Lack of student work ethic.
 - Lack of respect on the student's part.

I have read, understand, and agree to all the provisions stated above.

Student/Parent Signature _____ Date _____

