October 2026

Dear Students and Student Families,

I hope your fall season is off to good start! Please review the attached November–January studio schedule, policy reminders, and studio updates. **Please be sure to read thoroughly.**

Studio Closures & Makeup Lessons

For dates marked as studio closures, you may omit those lessons from that month's payment. If you would prefer to arrange a makeup lesson, please let me know as soon as possible so I can try to accommodate your request. Makeup times are subject to availability.

As a friendly reminder, **lessons missed by a student must still be paid for**, as that weekly time is reserved specifically for them. Skipping a lesson does not reduce the monthly payment. Please review the payment and makeup lesson policies at **tamaramarla.com/studio-policies** for additional details.

January Tuition Update

Beginning **January 1, 2027, the rate for a 30-minute lessons will increase from $25 to $30.** This will be my first rate adjustment since October 2023.

For students taking one 30-minute lesson each week, **this means a monthly increase of $20 for four lessons, or occassionally $25 when their scheduled lesson day occurs five times in a month.** Any omitted studio closure dates will reduce that month's total accordingly.

Keeping lessons affordable for families remains important to me. This adjustment reflects rising costs and the time, preparation, and individualized instruction I dedicate to each student, while keeping tuition competitive with other studios in our area. All lessons through December will remain at the current $25 rate.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. It is *wonderful* to see my students so active in local theatre groups, school drama and music departments, intensive programs, and local and national competitions. Watching you put your developing skills to use and grow in confidence is one of the most rewarding parts of teaching.

Whether you are taking lessons for personal musical growth or preparing for auditions and performances, your enthusiasm and dedication make my job fun and exciting. I love helping each of you work toward your goals, and I'm grateful to be part of your musical journeys. I look forward to all we'll accomplish together in the new year!

Sincerely,

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