



At Rare Bird Studios we strive to create an environment where the courageous work of music making can flourish.

We promise to:

Treat everyone with caring and respect
Create an environment where risk-taking is admired
Give clear instruction on how to improve your voice
Invite and inspire you to take ownership in your singing
Make singing fun

Singers and families agree to:

Cherish your voice, treating yourself with kindness throughout the learning process
Be consistent in practicing so that your body has the repetition it needs to learn new skills
Celebrate the messy and joyful process of creativity and learning
Be good citizens of the world, treating other singers, teachers, artists, and humans with respect and kindness.

Payments, Attendance, Holidays, Weather and Sickness

Payments: Tuition students will automatically be charged on the same day each month, based on the date of their first payment. If a scheduled payment is unsuccessful, I will contact you by email or text to arrange payment. Drop-In students will be charged at the time of booking. Please see the current pricing sheet for information about lesson options and prices.

Tuition: Tuition supports the full studio experience, including your reserved lesson time, lesson planning, repertoire selection, sheet music and other instructional materials, performance preparation, studio performance opportunities and their associated costs, and other work that supports your growth as a singer.

Punctuality: Please arrive on time and ready to get to work so that you can get the most out of your lesson. Because there is no waiting room in the studio, please do not arrive early.

Holidays: The studio observes scheduled breaks throughout the year. The current studio calendar lists all dates when regular lessons are not held. Additional studio closures or schedule changes will be communicated in advance.

Sickness: Please do not come to the studio if you are sick. If you are well enough to participate but cannot attend in person, please contact me before your lesson to arrange an online or asynchronous lesson. If you arrive at the studio sick, the lesson will be cancelled and will be subject to the regular cancellation policy. If your teacher is sick, an online lesson or lesson credit will be offered.

Weather: Your safety comes first. If weather conditions make it unsafe for you or your teacher to travel to the studio, an online lesson will be offered.

Rescheduling

48-Hour Cancellation Policy: I understand that life happens, so when you need to miss a lesson, please cancel through the student portal as soon as possible. Students who provide at least 48 hours' notice are eligible to reschedule their lesson into an available opening. Giving as much notice as possible is greatly appreciated. It allows another student to make use of the opening and gives you the best chance of finding a time that works for you. If you cancel with less than 48 hours' notice, the lesson is not eligible for rescheduling. You may choose an asynchronous lesson instead, or forfeit the lesson.

Tuition Student Late-Cancellation Waivers: Tuition students receive two late-cancellation waivers during each studio year. These waivers allow a student to reschedule a lesson when they are unable to provide 48 hours' notice. The studio year runs from September 1 through August 31. Unused waivers expire at the end of the studio year and reset on September 1. Once both late-cancellation waivers have been used, the regular 48-hour cancellation policy applies. Additional lessons cancelled with less than 48 hours' notice will be forfeited.

Online Lessons: Online lessons are available when you need to miss an in-person lesson but are still able to participate. If you need to change an in-person lesson to an online lesson, please let your teacher know before your scheduled lesson time.

Asynchronous Lessons: Sometimes you can't make a live lesson—but that doesn't mean your singing has to stop! An asynchronous lesson allows us to continue working together when a live lesson isn't possible. Your teacher will provide specific instruction, exercises, repertoire work, or other materials for you to complete on your own time.

Performances and Auditions

Performances: Tuition students have the opportunity to participate in two studio performance opportunities each year. These performances are a chance to celebrate your growth, share your work with the studio community, and practice the skills that come with performing for an audience.

Musical Theatre & Theatre Auditions: Theatre auditions often require a prepared song or other performance material. Please let me know as early as possible when you have an upcoming audition so that we can make a thoughtful plan for your preparation.

Discontinuing Tuition Lessons

Tuition students reserve their regular lesson time from approximately September 1 through mid-June. During the summer months, Tuition students self-schedule their remaining lessons from the available studio openings. Tuition enrollment is for the full studio year, which runs from September 1 through August 31. At the end of the studio year, students may choose to discontinue tuition lessons or request a lesson time for the upcoming studio year. If a Tuition student needs to discontinue lessons before the end of the studio year due to a significant change in circumstances, please contact me directly. In the event of early discontinuation, tuition will be adjusted to reflect the lessons provided up to that point in the studio year.

Social Media

Photos and videos may be taken during Rare Bird Studios lessons, performances, and other studio activities. Rare Bird Studios may also share photos of students participating in performances and other activities outside the studio when the teacher attends in support of the student. From time to time, Rare Bird Studios may share photos or videos on social media, the studio website, or other promotional materials to celebrate our students and share the work of the studio. **If you prefer not to have your photo or video shared by Rare Bird Studios, please let me know. You may change your preference at any time.**

Studio Safety

By booking a lesson with Rare Bird Studios, you acknowledge that you have read and agree to the studio policies. Please take reasonable care of yourself and your belongings while participating in lessons and studio activities. If you have a question or concern about your safety or the studio environment, please let me know.