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Student Contract

PRIVATE LESSONS:

30 minutes, 45 minutes, or 1 hour lessons are scheduled on a weekly or biweekly basis depending on the students needs and availability. Additional lessons can be scheduled (as time is available) to help prepare for an important audition or show. Lessons are taught year round unless otherwise discussed.

ATTENDANCE:

Expected! Students are also expected to arrive at their lesson ON TIME and ready to go. Your lesson time will NOT be extended because you are late. However, if your lesson starts late due to me running behind with students, your full lesson time will be given to you either that week or the next. If you know you have a conflict with a specific lesson date coming up, let me know as soon as possible. The amount of notice given and the reason for missing the lesson will play a role in whether you are charged or not for that lesson. If I am not notified 1 DAY IN ADVANCE about a lesson to be missed, the student WILL BE CHARGED for the lesson and I am not obligated to make up the lesson.

MAKE-UP LESSONS:

I am not obligated to make-up an unexcused lesson you missed. If I must miss a lesson, a make-up lesson will be given.

PAYMENT:

Payment is expected at the first lesson at the start of the month and will cover lessons for that month. Lessons must be paid for in a timely manner. If the balance is not paid by the time agreed upon, lessons will stop. If you know you have a conflict with a lesson within the month you are paying for, please discuss it with me at the time of payment & accommodations may be made. It is not usually acceptable to cancel lessons because of a birthday party, sporting event or other social activity. Hiring a private music teacher means devoting time to that weekly lesson and keeping absenteeism to a bare minimum.

MUSIC:

Either Heid or myself will provide any bass and piano music needed. Students are always encouraged to bring in any music they would like to work on. However, I reserve the right to decide whether or not the music is appropriate for the student's ability level.

BE PREPARED:

Students are expected to prepare their lesson material to the best of their ability. This is your homework!

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit".
-Aristotle

Practice Time

Students are expected to practice. The amount of time and repertoire for students will vary but its a good habit to get into picking up your instrument everyday. Practice time may be split up throughout the week. Remember, you get out of it what you put into it so practice as much as possible. This is the only way you will improve!

Quality Practice

Sometimes students should be playing through a piece from beginning to end, but more often students need to isolate problem spots within a piece and work on those, always remembering to "put the music back together" in the end. Ideally, serious practice time should take place in a quiet, well-lit, and comfortable area and should be interruption-free (i.e.: no phone calls, no TV, no computer, etc). There are, however, techniques and warm-ups that can be done while sitting around watching TV. This sort of practice should be seldom and only used for certain warm-ups and technique training. Further details on this will be discussed in lessons.

STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO THE TEACHER:

1. Be fully prepared for each lesson. Practice the material you have been assigned to work on. Also, you should bring in any materials needed for lessons (sheet music, CD's etc.)
2. Follow guidelines pertaining to absenteeism. (Give appropriate notice.)
3. Come with an idea of how you want to further your playing ability (this could be simply another song, a new technique or a different genre that you want to learn.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITY:

All children/students need help with discipline. Expect to have to remind and encourage your children to practice. Students and parents both need to be accountable for consistent, quality practice. Never hesitate to call or email me if there is something that your child does not understand.

-I understand and agree with all of the terms of this "LESSON CONTRACT" as listed above.

Student: _____

Parent (if under 18): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

