



Clarke Piano Studio

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Studio Policy

Lessons

Private Lessons are given weekly in 30, 45 and 60 minute lengths. Private lessons focus primarily on technique and repertoire as well as musicianship and creative skills.

Practice

Regular home practice is essential for student success. Ideally, students should aim for at least 5 days of practice each week.

Short, daily practice sessions are more effective than one or two long sessions per week. The most important time for students to practice is right after their weekly lesson, to solidify what they have just learned. Research has shown that retention of new knowledge drops to 60% after just 24 hours. It's not a good idea to wait until the end of the week, then "cram" practice right before a student's next lesson!

Parental involvement in home practice is **crucial** for student success. Please help your student to establish and stick to a practice routine, and see that practice time is free of distractions. If you are the parent of an elementary age student, please plan to sit with your child for at least a portion of their daily practice time.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend each scheduled week of the year. When you register for lessons, your timeslot is reserved for you for the teaching year. Please keep in mind that **make-ups are given only when 24-hour advance notice is given to cancel a lesson. No refunds will be given for missed lessons.**

In the event that your student needs to miss a lesson because of an illness, please contact me with as much advance notice as possible.

Any lessons missed by the instructor due to illness or emergency will be rescheduled as soon as possible. Please be prompt – lesson times cannot be extended for students who arrive late. Students should be picked up promptly at the end of their lesson time.



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Summer lessons are included in the annual tuition. Students should expect to continue lessons to maintain the skills they develop through the school year.

Equipment

All students must have a piano or digital piano for home practice. The quality of your student's home instrument plays a significant role in their potential for success.

Acoustic pianos should be tuned at least once a year, and kept in working order. If you prefer a digital piano, please invest in a full-size keyboard (88 keys) with weighted, touch-sensitive keys and pedals.

Tuition & Fees

Tuition for the year includes 48 weeks of instruction. Tuition shall be paid in equal monthly installments.

Students will need to purchase method books and music on occasion throughout the year. Books may be purchased from the studio. Additional event fees may be required for festivals, competitions and other performance events.

Statements will be emailed prior to the first week of each month with a reminder of current tuition charges, as well as any additional material or event fees.

Students should plan to commit to lessons for the full year. If unforeseen circumstances require a student to terminate lessons mid-year, one month's paid notice is required to end lessons.

Tuition Rates & Payment Schedule

Tuition is due at the first lesson of each month.

A \$10 late fee will be assessed on all payments received after the first week of the month.



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Tuition Rates & Payment Schedule (con't.)

Monthly Installment Plans:

30 minute lesson – \$140/month

45 minute lesson – \$180/month

60 minute lesson – \$240/month

Media Release

Photos of students and video and audio recordings of student projects and performances may be posted online and used by the instructor for promotional and workshop materials. Identifying information will be excluded or limited to first names only. Parents wishing to exempt their students from any published media may do so by providing a written exclusion request.

Parent Agreement

I have read the Studio Policy above and agree to the terms therein.

Signature _____

Please update the following information for me. No change

Student Name _____

Mother's/Father's Names _____

Address _____

Mother's Cell: _____ Work: _____

Home: _____

Father's Cell: _____ Work: _____

Home: _____

Parent's Email: _____