

The LC (Virtual)
Music Conservatory



2023-2024

Handbook

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Registration Fee:

Each student pays a \$25.00 yearly, non-refundable registration fee. This fee reserves a spot for the student, and will take care of the costs of any additional expenses such as: practice kits, games, some recital expenses, incentives, etc. Families with more than one student will pay no more than \$60/year.

Monthly Tuition:

Tuition is \$85/month for 30-minute lessons or \$125/month for 1-hour private lessons. Group lessons are \$85/month for 1 hour lessons.

Payment Schedule:

Monthly tuition is due on the 1st of each month, whether the student attends lessons or not. Invoices will be emailed/texted a few days before tuition is due.

Length of Course:

We teach a year-round music course, with the exception of breaks for major holidays and mini breaks in the summer. **Please Note:** Our lesson schedule may not always follow your school's schedule. Please see attached music class schedule for holidays and breaks. Please keep this schedule handy. New classes will begin the first week of each month, if space is available. Please give a thirty day notice, should a student decide to drop a music class.

Virtual Lessons Requirements:

Each student must have access to FaceTime, Facebook Messenger Chat or Zoom. These are the platforms that will allow us to hold lessons virtually. Zoom will be used for all group piano and voice classes.

Instruments:

Each piano and voice student must have a 61-key keyboard, with a stand, music holder and bench or stool. Each voice student must have a voice recorder (or some other recording device, ex. cell phone or tablet) to record certain segments of voice lessons. A music stand is required, so that the instructor can make sure that piano students are using the correct hand position and that voice students have a place to properly hold their music, while maintaining correct posture. All instruments, recorders and other materials must be purchased prior to any student starting lessons. As piano students show musical growth, a well tuned acoustic or digital piano will be needed to continue progress in music study. No student will be scheduled for lessons until all instruments and required materials have been purchased/downloaded.

Class Materials:

Each student will need to have the following items ready for each class, at all times:

- 1.) A bag or something similar to hold books & other materials in. It helps to keep everything together, so that students aren't searching for things during lesson and practice time.
- 2.) Music books, supplementary music, black binder (for performances), assignment notebook (that I will provide), flash cards and voice recorder (only for voice students.)
- 3.) 1 pack of sharpened colored pencils (crayons for younger students)
- 4.) 2 sharpened pencils with a good eraser
- 5.) A teachable attitude! The instructor will inform parents/students when new books or materials will need to be purchased. Some of the main lesson books for piano students can be downloaded for free and placed in a binder or purchased from Amazon for a small cost. Theory books and other supplementary materials may need to be purchased also.

Lesson Time:

Students are expected to be prepared and ready for lessons at their designated time, with all required music and materials. Please make sure that your child has a quiet environment during lesson and practice time. The instructor will dial in, at the student's assigned time. Because of closely scheduled lessons, if the student is late coming on for lessons, an entire lesson will not be given.

Missed Lessons:

No tuition credits are given for missed lessons. If a student must miss a lesson, the parent or student is responsible for contacting the instructor to find out the missed assignments for that day. Also, every effort will be made to record our zoom classes, for students who are taking group lessons. It is very important for students to attend lessons, because it is difficult for him/her to keep up after consecutive absences. **There will be no makeup lessons.**

Practice Schedule:

Students who establish great practice habits will progress more rapidly and will find piano practice and lessons much more enjoyable. The amount of time required for good practice will vary depending on the student's age and level. More importantly though, is that practice is done on a consistent (daily) basis.

All students are required to play or sing the week's music assignment at least twice a day until the next lesson. Parents are encouraged to be supportive in practice at home.

Students are expected to practice the following amount of time, according to their age level:

15-20 min. per day for ages 4-6

20-25 min. per day for ages 7-8

30-35 min per day for ages 9-12

45 min - 1 hour a day for ages 13 & above

Recitals:

Students will have an opportunity to participate in a recital each semester. Our recitals will be held during the months of December & May. (Recitals may have to be held in other months, based on availability of venue.) Some recitals may be virtual as well. **Local students:** Parents, family and friends are invited to attend or will be given a link to watch it virtually. More details about each recital will be given to parents and students, as recital time nears. **Out-of-town students:** Recitals can be done virtually, if the student is not close to the recital site. Recitals are not mandatory, but highly encouraged.

Summer Months:

During summer months, students are still expected to continue with their study of music. Not only does the instructor feel strongly about the importance of year-round musical education, but it's crucial for the student to keep a good practice routine, so as not to regress during the summer. For these reasons, each student will continue lessons throughout the summer (every other week), with a short break, before commencing in the Fall. Special incentives will also be given to help students reach their summer practice goals. Please inform the instructor of any upcoming vacations in advance, so that alternative lesson arrangements can be made.

Parental Involvement:

Set aside a specific practice time for your child, daily. Review your child's weekly assignment and notes from the instructor. Make sure all home assignments are complete before lessons, the following week. Ensure that your child is prepared and on time for lessons. Encourage your child to do his or her best in studying music.

Music Camp:

We are excited to bring Music Camp back! Stay tuned for details about Music Camp 2024!!
Never hesitate to contact the instructor, if there are any concerns!

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2023 Summer Music Schedule

June 5th -7th

June 19th - 20th

July 10th- 12th

July 24th - 26th

July 29th (Virtual Summer Recital)

2023-2024 Calendar

September 1st (Registration Fees Due)

August 14th (Fall Classes Resume)

October 16th - 17th Fall Break

November 20th -24th (Thanksgiving Break)

December 2nd (Christmas Recital)

December 20th - January 2nd (Christmas Break)

January 15th (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

February 12th - 14th (Mardi Gras)

March 29th - April 5th (Easter/Spring Break)

May 4th (Spring Recital)

May 27th (Memorial Day)