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Studio Policy for Piano Lessons

Welcome to the Muller Studio of Piano Study for the year 2007-2008. I hope it will be a rewarding experience and a year of piano fun and accomplishments.

Enrollment for Student Tuition is based on 40 weeks of private piano lessons. Lessons begin in September, 2007 and continue until August, 2008.

- **Tuition**
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- **Tuition**

Tuition: \$25.00 (30 minute lessons); \$35.00 (45 minute lessons); \$45.00 (one hour lessons).

Tuition fees are paid monthly—in advance—one week before each new month, or the last week of the previous month. Tuition for 11 months of piano lessons is \$1000.00 (for 30 min. weekly lessons); for (45 min. weekly lessons) the total 11 months will be \$1400.00; and for 1 hour lessons the total 11 months will be \$1800.00 (usually reserved for advanced piano students).

Tuition is calculated per one weekly lesson x 40 weeks. Therefore the amount for the full Academic Year, including the two summer months of June and July equals \$25.00 per 30 min. weekly lessons x 40 weeks = \$1000.00. 45 min. weekly lessons x 40 weeks = \$1400.00, and one hour weekly lessons x 40 weeks = \$1800.00. (There will be no lessons during the month of August).

Due to the school holiday arrangement, one or two months may have just 3 weeks of lessons and some months may have as many as 5 weeks of lessons. However the tuition is divided evenly over the 11 months.

MONTHLY PAYMENTS of \$100.00 for 30 min. lessons, \$140.00 for 45 min. lessons, or \$180.00 for hour lessons are always payable BEFORE the First Day of each month, usually the last full week of the prior month.

If the student knows he/she will be missing a lesson the week tuition is due, they are still responsible for getting their tuition to the teacher ON TIME.

I will send a reminder each month. (There will be a late fee of \$5.00).

Please understand that when a student is enrolled, he/she is contracting the teacher's time for the assigned lesson period. Therefore the student should be prepared and complete the assignments.

There will be no lessons during the Thanksgiving Holidays; the Christmas Holidays; and Spring Break.

- **Type of Lessons**

The student will receive a 30 minute weekly private lesson.

The lessons will consist of Repertoire (the music, or pieces), Technique (the skill part of playing the piano), and Theory (how to read and write music: notes, rhythm, intervals, scales, chords, etc.) at his/her level of playing.

Note: This is an apartment house, and students are asked to come in, take a seat and wait quietly for the student in front of them to finish his/her lesson. Parents are asked to please pick up their student at the end of their lesson time so the next student may have his/her assigned time.

Parking is available on the East side facing this apartment. Please do not park under the carports as these are resident assigned parking places and subject to fine or tow. (Thank you).

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• Music Books

The student is responsible for buying his/her own music. Music can be purchased at Marshall's Music Co. or Keyboard World in Portage or Kalamazoo, Michigan. Some can also be purchased on the Internet (Online).

Students are asked to ALWAYS bring ALL of their music books and an Assignment Book to their lessons, otherwise it is impossible to hold a lesson or prepare for the next one. (I will not teach the lesson without them).

• Make-Up Lessons

No allowances, deductions or make-ups will be made for lessons missed by students due to the following:

*Forgetfulness, lack of preparation, school or social conflicts, or extra vacation time other than the regular school holidays.

*Time lost because of a student's tardiness will not be made up.

*In the event of the teacher's absence, make-ups or adjustments will be made in the following month's payment.

Lessons are held between 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., (Mon.-Fri.) No lessons in the mornings or weekends except by special arrangement for make-ups or rehearsals.

• Practice Time

Students are expected to practice their lesson assignments daily at home. Everyone progresses at different rates, but all WILL progress if they prepare their lesson assignments daily at home as required. I reserve the right to discontinue any student who fails to progress at a satisfactory rate because of consistently unprepared lessons.

Except for Beginners, students should practice from 30 minutes (or 45 minutes) to an hour or more daily. (The best habit is to try and do it at the same time each day).

If a student has only a small electronic keyboard (4 octaves or more), this is suitable only for the first level of piano lessons or about one year. After this it is necessary to have an acoustic piano, or one large enough to use the pedals in order to make any progress.

If enough students enroll, an occasional class meeting may be held so the student can have performance experience by playing a piece (or pieces) worked on at the lessons, or listen to others perform in order to learn as much as possible about the instrument.

I will remind students of various piano activities, recitals and concerts by professional artists, and lectures as they occur. There are also many interesting websites about the piano and piano playing on the Internet, plus various radio broadcasts.

A recital will be held in the Spring providing enough people will participate. Because of the diversity of students it is not an absolute requirement but certainly a worthwhile goal for the year's work.

Students must not enter into examinations, auditions, competitions or performances without the knowledge of the teacher.

This policy is in accordance with the Music Teachers' National Association, the Michigan Music Teachers' Association and KAMTA for Independent Music Teachers.

Thank you again for your interest in studying piano, and I look forward to a rewarding musical year.



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