

## Piano Lesson Policies 2023/24

*Updated August 2023*

### Payment Policy & Schedule

30 minute weekly lessons = \$248 monthly

45 minute weekly lessons = \$372 monthly

60 minute weekly lessons = \$496 monthly

I offer lessons **40 weeks** through the school year from **Sunday, Sept.3rd – Thursday, June 27th**.

During this timeframe, there are 3 weeks off built in - 2 for winter break (December 22<sup>nd</sup> - January 6<sup>th</sup>) and 1 for spring break (March 10th - 16th).

You will receive an invoice 7 days before the first of every month with the amount due which is payable by e-transfer to [lizcraig17@gmail.com](mailto:lizcraig17@gmail.com). The due date for each invoice is the first of the month. **A late fee of \$30 will apply if the invoice is not received by the 7<sup>th</sup> of the month.** Payments made by PayPal will be subject to a 4% fee.

In the months of July and August 2024, lessons will be scheduled and billed individually at the rate of \$124 per 60 minute session. Lessons in July & August are not guaranteed but I do strive to offer up to 4 lessons per month to keep momentum going.

### Included in the monthly fee is:

- weekly one on one lessons as per the schedule described above
- a highly personalized lesson plan and practice notes
- access to all content on the Piano Maestro app (\$10/month value)
- access to all **non-competitive** performance opportunities (workshops, recitals, etc.) run by ORMTA Central Toronto Branch as well as organized by myself
- all sheet music, books and materials

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Competitive recitals/festivals and exams will be an extra fee and are completely optional.

[Scholarships offered by ORMTA Central Toronto Branch](#) can be a great incentive for these opportunities!

High school credits are offered by Ontario for Level 7 & 8 exam completion.

### **Performance Opportunities 2023/2024 - more details to come as they are available!**

Oct.29th Halloween recital – open to students age 12 and under

ORMTA Fall Auditions in November - competitive & opportunity to win scholarships

December Long and McQuade holiday recital - charity event, open to all

Teen recital Feb 25, 2024 - open to students age 13-19, non competitive

ORMTA Spring Auditions in April - competitive & opportunity to win scholarships

April North York Festival - competitive & opportunity to win scholarships

June - final recital at Array Space or Heliconian Hall, open to all, non competitive

For adult students, there is a monthly recital organized by the Toronto Amateur Pianists meetup group.

For students who are old enough and have enough repertoire, I also offer paid gigs at retirement homes, weddings, receptions, charity events, etc as they come up.

### **Student Cancellations/Makeup Lesson Policy**

Please cancel your lesson as soon as you know you can't make it in the student portal (<https://www.mymusicstaff.com/>) so that another student can book the open slot. You can also notify me by e-mail or text but preference for makeups will be given to those canceled in the my music staff program.

Less than 48 hours notice will result in no makeup given. **Makeups for student cancellations are not guaranteed.** You can look through the calendar and book in an open slot to reschedule your lesson if it is before the 48 hour deadline. Many open slots will be an hour long. You can still book into an hour slot if you only have a 30 or 45 minute lesson. I will adjust on my end accordingly while keeping the same start time.

All makeups for student cancellations must be completed prior to June 27th, 2024 and will not be made up in the summer months (July & August 2024).

### **Teacher Cancellations/Lateness**

If I need to cancel for any reason, I will add a makeup credit to your account. These credits can be used to book extra lessons during the school year or during the summer and will expire on September 1, 2024. If there is very bad weather and it is unsafe for me to drive over, I will offer an online lesson instead.

I strive to build in enough time between students to drive and arrive on time, however sometimes heavy traffic can make me late. If I arrive late, I will always stay and teach the full amount of lesson time booked.

