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Welcome to the **2022-2023 Music Year!** We are excited to continue working with our piano students through both in-person and online lesson formats this music year. If you are anticipating signing up for online lessons, please make sure your student meets the at-home requirements listed below to achieve maximum success. The Musical Express will be returning to full participation in our studio activities that were previously on hold due to the Coronavirus pandemic. We continue to strive to offer a program filled with musical growth, performance/evaluation opportunities, and most important ... fun.

This letter highlights basic information about The Musical Express' piano lessons / music education program. Please review our **2022-2023 STUDIO CONTRACT AGREEMENT** for more specific and operational program details.

LESSON FEE STRUCTURE

August 2022 – July 2023 ANNUAL TUITION RATE

<i>15 minutes</i>	<i>30 minutes</i>	<i>45 minutes</i>
\$858.00	\$1,188.00	\$1,430.00

August 2022 – June 2023 (excludes July) BILLED MONTHLY RATE

<i>15 minutes</i>	<i>30 minutes</i>	<i>45 minutes</i>
\$78.00	\$108.00	\$130.00

**Tuition is based on a
 40 lessons calendar year
 (August 2022 – July 2023)**

**Annual registration fee \$75*

MUSICAL PROGRESS & GROWTH

The student will take lessons in a one-on-one studio instruction environment. Lessons will include (but are not limited to): weekly assignments in selected curriculum/method series and additional supplemental materials; teacher-student duets; student-student duets; group performance practice sessions; theory workshop sessions; performance evaluations and events; community outreach programs; and on-line music community memberships.

At home practice and homework assignments facilitate student success. Students should have an in-tune acoustic and/or digital piano for at home practice. Weekly assignments will be recorded on assignment sheets kept in a music binder/agenda to help parents, teachers, and students remain connected. Communication is vital to meeting and maintaining the student's musical goals. Lesson/progress assessments will be provided mid-year and/or end-of-the-year.

Please note if a student is selecting online piano lessons for the music year, he/she must meet the following requirements: a camera that can connect to the teacher in our studio via Zoom, Google Duo, FaceTime, and/or Facebook Messenger; an adult available to assist with lessons and instructions if needed (particularly students of early elementary ages); an in-tune acoustic or digital piano; the ability to print sheet music; and computer access to complete and turn in online theory assignments.

As an active member of the Augusta Music Teachers Association (AMTA), Georgia Music Teachers Association (GMTA), Music Teachers National Association (MTNA), National Association for Music Education (NAfME), and Piano Guild (a division of the American College of Musicians), our students participate in performance opportunities by way of community outreach recitals, performance evaluation events, workshops, and master classes hosted by these organizations. Selection for participation is at the teacher's discretion.

The Musical Express does have a general Covid-19 Prevention Routine that we have used over the past couple of years in our efforts to decrease the spread of the novel Coronavirus at our studio (as outlined by the recommendations of federal and state health agencies). This plan is currently on standby. Teachers will still administer temperature checks and hand sanitizer for check-in; but wearing masks will be optional. Please note our general Covid-19 Prevention Routine will be reimplemented should we deem it necessary for the overall health and safety of our teachers and studio families.

AREAS OF MUSICAL FOCUS

- **Traditional Method Training**
- **Sight Reading**
- **Theory & Music Fundamentals**
- **Performance Technique**
- **Music Appreciation**
- **Music Styles / Types: *Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Impressionistic, Jazz, Early Ragtime, & Modern / Contemporary***

PERFORMANCE & EVALUATION EVENTS

<i>A Closer Look: Piano Guts 101</i>	Oct 2022
<i>Community Outreach Recitals</i>	Oct 2022, Nov 2022, Dec 2022
<i>AMTA Winter Workshop/Masterclass</i>	Feb 2023
<i>Local Auditions, GMTA & Gate Theory Exams</i>	Feb 2023
<i>AMTA Piano Festival</i>	Mar 2023
<i>Piano Guild (American College of Musicians)</i>	May 2023
<i>19th Annual Piano Recital Event Week</i>	5/30/23 – 6/4/23
<i>Summer Workshops</i>	6/5/23 – 6/10/23
<i>Assessment Lessons</i>	7/24/23 – 7/29/23

** This schedule is tentative and subject to change.*

Don't forget to check out our website at www.themusicalexpress.com and like us on **Facebook** to stay on top of studio news and event highlights. Be sure to register on our website as a **Studio Member** to make sure you receive all newsletter and email updates. Whether you are new to the studio or returning to continue your musical journey, we are looking forward to a fabulous and fun year of music making!

