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Welcome to our **2020-2021 Music Year!** We are excited to continue working with our piano students through both in person and online lesson formats this music year. Although the studio is operating a little differently during the novel coronavirus pandemic, The Musical Express is continuously striving to offer a music year filled with musical growth, performance/evaluation opportunities, and fun.

This letter highlights basic information about The Musical Express' piano education program. Please review our **2020-2021 STUDIO CONTRACT AGREEMENT** for more specific and operational program details.

LESSON FEE STRUCTURE

August 2020 – July 2021

ANNUAL TUITION RATE

15 minutes	30 minutes	45 minutes
\$858.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,353.00

August 2020 – June 2021 (excludes July)

BILLED MONTHLY RATE

15 minutes	30 minutes	45 minutes
\$78.00	\$100.00	\$123.00

*Tuition is based on a
40 lessons calendar year
(August 2020 – July 2021)*

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; on-line group performance practice sessions; on-line theory workshop sessions; on-line music community memberships; performance evaluations and events. Our group instruction methods are currently not being implemented due to social distancing standards and guidelines.

At home practice and homework assignments facilitate student success. Students should have an acoustic piano or digital piano for practice. Assignments will be recorded on assignment sheets to help parents, teachers, and students remain connected. Communication between all of us 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.

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.

Although we are uncertain which of these events will be offered this 2020-2021 music year, our studio will strive to participate if events are offered in a safe and healthy environment committed to following the recommendations of federal and state health agencies during the novel coronavirus pandemic.

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>2020 Piano Guild</i>	September 11-12, 2020
<i>AMTA Piano Festival</i>	March 2021
<i>AMTA Auditions</i>	March 2021
<i>2021 Piano Guild</i>	May 2021
<i>17th Annual Piano Recital</i>	June 6, 2021

** please note this schedule is tentative and is subject to change*

Don't forget to check out our website at **www.themusicaexpress.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 another wonderful year of music making!

~ Ms. Temeka 