

# **THE MUSICIAN'S DEN STUDIO POLICIES**

## **OUR MUSICAL MISSION**

We are Greg and Charlene Johnson. We teach our students the language of music. We believe all humans are musical. Our studio has a positive, encouraging and fun environment. We inspire students to find their own voices and be original artists. We tailor the curriculum to match our students' individual learning needs and goals. We want our studio to be a welcoming, safe space for students and families. We are so honored to teach the gift of music and strive to create a musical community for all of us.

## **STUDENT & FAMILY EXPECTATIONS**

Please try to arrive at each lesson on time and with the lesson notebook. We know our students are busy and often over-scheduled so we don't assign a lot of homework (unless you want it!), but we do encourage at-home practice. Music muscles and skills improve with consistent playing/singing. Even 10-15 minutes of practice a day can make a big difference in how a student progresses.

Family members are always welcome to observe in the studio during lessons. Some students may do better with a parent in the lesson room, others listening from the next room. You may also make yourself comfortable in the Musician's Den café, sunroom or you may drop off your student.

Communication is golden! Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. If something happens at home or school that is affecting the student please let us know. We want to be sensitive to the needs of our students. A quick text on the way to the lesson can make the difference between a great lesson and a challenging one. (Didn't get a part in the play? Give us a heads up. Getting over being sick? Or sad? Stressed about finals? Let us know!)

## 2020 SPRING SEMESTER STUDIO POLICIES

Rates for A La Carte (occasional drop-in) lessons are \$65 per hour

### SEMESTER TUITION SCHEDULED LESSONS

**Monthly Tuition \$120/month - Voice or Guitar (\$600 semester)**

**Monthly Tuition \$200/month - Voice and Guitar OR two students (\$1000 semester)**

**2019 Fall Semester: August 5th, 2019 to December 15th, 2019**

**2020 Spring Semester: January 13th, 2020 to May 23rd, 2020**

Semester tuition fee includes 16 weekly private lessons (40 minutes) and at least two musical opportunities to perform. Tuition can be paid up front or divided evenly between five months. We accept cash, check, PayPal, Zelle, Venmo or online Stripe credit card. **Payment is due at the beginning of the month.** Please sign up for automatic credit card payments (via Stripe) for your convenience. There will be a \$25 late fee for payment not received after the 10th of the month.

We have accounted for the following conventional school calendar breaks: Fall break, Thanksgiving break, December/New Year, and Spring breaks. Please understand that some months will have four or five lessons and some months may only have three. They add up to 16 lessons for the entire semester. Please refer to the current semester calendar.

**Additional Fees:** There may be an occasional material fee for lesson books, sheet music, concert fees, etc. We prefer to do this instead of charging a materials fee up front like many studios, which may or may not be used.

## **ADULT LESSON PACKAGES:**

**4 Lesson Package \$240- 6 Lesson Package \$330- 8 Lesson Package \$400**

To help adult musicians achieve their goals and see notable progress on guitar and/or vocals, lesson packages are available in 4, 6, 8 lesson sessions. These are one-hour voice or guitar lessons or a combination of both that students can book at their convenience. Students investing in lesson packages are welcome to participate in studio performances and events. Lessons must be booked within a 6-month window. There are no refunds or credits for packages or lessons that are not scheduled. Lessons can be rescheduled with 24 hour notice.

## **CANCELED AND MISSED LESSONS**

### **There are no refunds for canceled or missed lessons.**

No payment refunds will be given for students who miss lessons for any reason. This includes cancellations for illness, extended family vacations as well as school related absences and will be strictly adhered to. This policy is consistent with those of sports teams, schools, camps, and dojos that place a high priority on regular attendance and diligent commitment. Please choose a time that works with your other extracurricular activities.

### **Flex Lessons (Lesson Credits):**

Did you miss a lesson? It's okay! This is what the Flex Lessons are for. We've worked into the calendar one (flex) absence for teacher and one (flex) absence for student in case of illness or emergency that do not have to be made up. Also, throughout the semester there are lesson make-up times and open studio days that can be used for missed lessons. Lessons canceled due to bad weather can be taught via SKYPE. (Fun!)

Discontinuing Lessons: Your lesson time is reserved for you for an entire semester. If you decide that you are unable to continue lessons, we ask that you give at least one-month notice. There are no refunds or credits for lessons missed or canceled.

## **SUMMER SCHEDULE**

Summer lesson packages are available and can be booked at student's convenience to accommodate irregular schedules and vacations. 24 hours cancellation notice will be required. In addition to lessons, we will be offering some fun summer group classes, music theory classes, workshops and day camps. Dates and info TBD.

## **PHOTO AND VIDEO RELEASE**

We (will) have a website, as well as Facebook and Instagram pages. From time to time we may want to use photos and short videos of our students on these sites and YouTube. The students are identified only by first name. If you do not want your child's image/s to be used, please let us know.

***By paying tuition for music lessons at The Musician's Den with Greg and Charlene Johnson, I certify that I understand and agree to the studio policies for the 2020 Spring Semester.***