

Timbre & Tone Music Studio

2023 / 2024 Policy

Welcome!

Timbre & Tone Music Studio was created to share a love of music and teaching. The studio's main priority is to instruct and support individuals to become well-rounded musicians and to explore music in a fun and open environment. Whether interested in studying classical or contemporary music, history, or theory, each lesson is unique and geared specifically to the student's strengths, weaknesses, and interests. Because of this, we use a variety of different curriculum and repertoire books depending on the student's goals. Private piano lessons are offered to anyone age 6 and older with no previous training required. Private vocal lessons are offered to anyone aged 12 and older with some previous music lesson experience.

Please read through the following documents carefully. If interested in signing up for lessons, please fill out a registration form and the Studio will be in contact shortly.

All inquiries can be emailed to the Studio at info@timbretonemusic.ca

Lessons and Attendance

Private lessons are given weekly in 30, 45, and 60 minute intervals. These lessons will be focused primarily on repertoire, technique, and theory but may also include exploring musicianship, music history, and composition. It is recommended to bring a notebook to each lesson to take homework notes. Students are expected to attend each of their weekly lessons throughout the school year. By registering and selecting your time, you are reserving that space in the schedule for the entire year.

Location

The studio address is 4928 1st Avenue, Edson, Alberta.

Lesson Cost

\$32/30 min session

\$48/45 min session

\$64/60 min session

Payment options include post-dated cheques, cash, or e-transfer. If paying by cheque, they should be made out to Katherine Ahlf. Receipts are available upon request. Specific payment information can be found on the registration page. Late payments and bounced cheques are subject to a 5% administration charge. Books and materials are an extra cost above and beyond tuition and will be available for purchase as required. The following chart can be referenced when calculating and preparing payments. An invoice listing exact payment will be emailed to you once registration is complete.

Lesson Termination

If the student wishes to discontinue lessons permanently, it must be put in writing by the parent or legal guardian and emailed to the studio three weeks prior to the last lesson. The remainder of the money paid to the studio will be refunded.

Breakdown of Monthly Lessons Throughout the Year

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Total:
Mon	2	4	4	3	4	3	4	4	3	31
Tue	2	5	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	34
Wed	2	4	5	3	4	4	4	3	5	34
Thu	2	4	5	3	3	5	4	3	5	34

Make-up Lessons

Students may reschedule one lesson per year by providing at least 24-hour notice prior to the start of the originally scheduled lesson time. Once a rescheduled time is agreed upon, it cannot be changed again. In the situation of unscheduled student absence, there will be no refunds or make-up lessons offered. In the event of a teacher's absence, the missed lessons will be made up on a date that accommodates both parties' schedules.

Performance Opportunities

The studio's year-end recital will be offered in May. It is an opportunity to share and show off what was learned throughout the year. Exact details will be announced closer to the date. For those interested, there are many other opportunities to perform throughout the school year in Edson and surrounding communities. No performances are mandatory but they are highly supported.

Practice

A regular practice routine is essential to a student's success. Short but consistent practice sessions are much more effective than a long, but "crammed" practice right before the lesson. It is recommended to practice at least 4 days a week, each session being at least 10-15 minutes for beginners, increasing the time as the student progresses. Particularly with young children, it is helpful to have the parent's assistance in establishing the practice routine. Planning to sit with your child as they practice or setting a time (e.g. practicing for 15 minutes right after supper or for 15 minutes right after getting home from school) can be very effective in initiating a consistent practice schedule.

Media Release

Photos and video recordings of student performances may be posted online as part of the studio's promotional material. Personal or identifying information will be excluded or limited to first names if any. Parents or students wishing to not be included in this media may do so by submitting a request in writing and emailing it to the studio at info@timbretonemusic.ca.

Office Hours

Because lessons are scheduled back to back, the teacher may be unavailable to discuss student progress with parents extensively before or after the lesson. Questions or concerns can be addressed with the teacher by making an appointment, calling 780-712-1476, or emailing info@timbretonemusic.ca. The most convenient times to reach the teacher is Monday through Friday, 10 am to Noon.

IMPORTANT DATES

First Day of Lessons

Monday, September 18th

Thanksgiving - Studio Closed

Monday, October 9th

Christmas Break - Studio Closed

Friday, December 21st - January 7th

Lessons Resume after Christmas Break

Monday, January 8th

Family Day - Studio Closed

Monday, February 19th

Spring Break - Studio Closed

Monday, March 25th - Friday, March 29th

Victoria Day - Studio Closed

Monday, May 20th

Year End Recital

Saturday, May 25th (subject to change)

Last Week of Lessons

Monday, May 27th - Thursday, May 30th