Buttwinick Musical Services Personalized Music Lessons

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> "30 years of one-on-one Instruction with more than 1,000 students"

Welcome to My Teaching Studio!

My purpose is to help you reach your musical goals, whatever they are. I want your lessons to be fun and efficient, so feel free to say whatever is on your mind and ask as many questions as you want in order to clarify what you are doing. Communication is a primary ingredient to my lessons, so come and communicate!

I'm very good at aligning the lessons to your short- and long-term goals so let's work together to achieve them. I can also help you work out exactly what your goals are if you'd like as well as complete career consultation

General Procedures & Policies

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>: Lessons are normally taken once a week. Some students come twice a week, and given the right circumstances twice a month can sometimes work. It is preferable to have the same lesson time each week when possible. If you arrive late, your lesson will most likely be short as I'll often have another student or client following you. If I have time to run over I will.

<u>PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS</u>: Whatever works is fine with me. The idea is to learn what you need to learn to get where you want to go. *Your commitment should match your goals*: kids, ¹/₂ to 1 hour a day; adults should minimally try and practice one hour a day or more. As long as you are "winning", ¹/₂ hour a day can work if this is mainly a fun hobby. The more focused your practice is the better, and my professional-oriented students commonly practice from 12 to 20 hours a week. We'll discover what works as we proceed: between five and twelve hours week is normal for an adult to make good progress.

<u>PRICES</u>: Lessons are \$65 an hour. For under 14, lessons can be \$40 per $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, if thirty minutes is enough time to make some headway. There is a 10% discount when paying two months (eight lessons) in advance for consecutive, weekly lessons (not for twice a month). If possible it is advisable to pay for at least eight lessons at a time as this stabilizes your commitment as well as stabilizing me being here for you. You have goals to achieve—let's do it.

<u>CANCELLATION POLICY</u>: A lesson needs to be canceled 48 hours before the scheduled time to NOT be charged for it. If you cancel within this time frame the lesson will be charged, though I will always try and find a make-up time for you during the same week. If I need to cancel a lesson at the last minute for professional work, it will either be made-up at another time in the week or just rescheduled for the following week. Please don't ask me to slide on this policy for *any* reason. (Music is fun, rewarding and wonderful, and business is business.)

<u>PAYMENTS</u>: Cash or check is the preferred and usual payment method. You can pay with a credit card through PayPal, though I cannot offer discounts with PayPal payments. Checks are payable to *Marty Buttwinick*. Also, you should have one lesson paid in advance to keep things simple. (In case the ATM is closed or you forget your checkbook.)

Staying in good communication guarantees a beneficial and ongoing teacher / student relationship!

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