

Private Piano, Ukulele, Guitar, Voice and Composition Lessons at
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It seems we are finally coming out of the pandemic (June 2021) although as a result of this pandemic, I now have 3 students who will always be learning remotely. Apart from these remote students, I prefer that students come to my studio in person because it is now even more obvious that learning is much enhanced by in person contact. I can demonstrate much more effectively and can hear more clearly what the student is playing. There is no internet intervention including the delay, and the often poor connection. Starting September 7, I would like all local students to come in person if possible.

From September 7, I will no longer be teaching guitar. I will continue with my current ukulele students but do not plan to take on any more ukulele students at this time. I may have one or two spaces for piano students.

Please make sure you have a **3 ring binder** to bring your lesson for photocopies and loose manuscript paper.

Fee: \$35 per ½ hour lesson payable 1 month in advance (\$70 per hour lesson). I will continue to offer 10% discount to families where more than one is learning music with me.

Fall: September - December

Spring: January - June

Summer: June - September

Name of student: _____

Instrument, day and time of lesson: _____

(Parent(s) names:) _____

Emergency Contact name and phone: _____

Home Address: _____

Parent Cell (name): _____

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Parent emails: _____

Student cell phone: _____ **Student email:** _____

Birthday: _____

Practice

- Practice every day if you can, even if it's only for 5-15 minutes. A half hour is great, an hour even better for more advanced students. Don't forget all week and then have one long practice because it will never be as good as a little at a time more regularly. I know students end up actually practicing in the lesson but that is never fun for them or me.
- Please remember to warm up by doing some technical work at the beginning of the practice.
- Parents, please remind your student to practice. If you can make it part of their regular routine (always after school, before dinner, etc.) they're more apt to practice.
- The same goes for adults. If you practice about the same time every day – right after work, right before bed, etc. – then you're more likely to do it.

Payment

- Fees are \$35 per half hour lesson or \$70 for an hour lesson. Please pay at the first lesson of each month for the whole month. I can take Venmo payments (lorna.collingridge) but prefer Zelle payments (my bank is Fidelity Bank NC router no. 053103585) or cash or check at the lesson. When there is a cancellation with 24 hours notice, I will advance your payment to the next lesson date. If you wish you can also pay for more than 4 lessons in advance. I keep careful records and your forward payments are noted on the feedback worksheet I give every student every week.
- There is a \$35 fee for bounced checks.
- I offer a 10% discount for parents who have two or more family members taking regular lessons.

Cancellation (applies also to online lessons)

- If you are able to give me 24 hours notice of a cancellation I will advance your payment to the next lesson date. If you have to cancel on the same day, I need to charge for that missed lesson unless it is a weather emergency. By giving me notice of cancellation, you save the lesson fee and I am able to schedule makeup lessons.
- If you cancel via email I will respond to you. If you don't hear back from me it may be because I didn't get your email so in that case, please phone or text 919-599-9372.
- I can give you a make-up lesson if I have an open slot but only in the same week as the cancellation.
- If you're running late, please send me a text (preferable) or call.

Arriving and leaving for lessons (not applicable right now)

- It's no problem if you arrive a few minutes early. You are always welcome to wait in the sunroom.
- Parents, you are very welcome to sit in the lesson with your student or wait in the sunroom. This is my home and I know you will respect that. Please make sure if you have younger children with you that they have something quiet to do so as not to interrupt my teaching. If you have errands to run, you can leave your student with me during the lesson, but please be back on time for the pick up as I have lessons continuing and cannot provide supervision. Please do not bring food or drink other than water to your lesson.
- Please park on the road and avoid parking in my driveway behind my car. Thank you!

- In the case of online lessons please be ready right on time when I call.
- Internet is available.

Soirees

- There are usually two soirees (concerts or recitals) each year, one in June and one in December. These are celebrations of student achievement through the semester and I encourage all students to participate. If you feel you cannot play or sing, please come and support your colleagues and enjoy the camaraderie. Adult students have regular work-in-progress evenings. In 2021 there maybe new arrangements for the Soirees.
- I have a page on my website (www.flourishingmuse.net) for Student Performances and I have many great student performances up there so students can see and hear what their colleagues are doing.

Thank you for learning music with Flourishing Muse!