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VOICE LESSON POLICIES

We are so please that you will be studying voice here at MTC. The following are the MTC policies as they relate specifically to voice lessons. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us and best of luck in your vocal training!

General Philosophy

Registering for private voice training indicates to us a serious interest in becoming a wonderful singer. Excellent! As with many things, you get out of voice training what you put into it. To see maximum improvement, the best advice is that students should practice roughly 20 minutes/day - 5 days/week. Like ballet, singing is a marriage of both technical proficiency and effortless communication of the emotional content of a song. The more proficient a student becomes with technique, the more the technical side DOESN'T show and an honest performance is born. Having said that, one cannot exist without the other.

Studying voice and choosing a teacher is always a very personal journey, and finding the right fit is crucial to a student's progress. The building of a strong working relationship between student and teacher is vital, and while student's may have trial lessons with one or more teachers when making a final selection, once a decision is made it should reflect a clear choice so that the proper working relationship can build. It is never a good idea for a student to study with multiple teachers simultaneously as it creates conflicting information for the student with opposing or non-complimentary styles and techniques. MTC teachers will only work with students on an exclusive basis.

Lesson Times

Voice lessons are scheduled for with 30 minute or 60 minute slots. Please be on time for your lesson as our vocal teachers are scheduled back-to-back with students. If you arrive 10 minutes late, your lesson will still conclude at the regularly scheduled time, so be sure you get a full lesson by arriving on time.

What To Bring

Each teacher may have specific instructions as to what you should bring to your lesson, but in general you should always have:

- Music that you are currently studying in a 3-ring binder (preferably in plastic sleeves)
- A digital recorder or cellphone on which to record your lesson
- A pencil with which to mark your music if necessary

Refunds

Private lessons are considered to be on a full term basis. If a student withdraws from a private lesson slot PRIOR TO TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF THE TERM, a full refund will be given (less the \$25 registration fee). If a student withdraws LESS THAN TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE TERM, there will be NO REFUND OR CREDIT for tuition paid. Students delinquent in tuition will not be allowed into class. Any refund/s from payments processed online via PayPal will be less the PayPal service charge.

Voice Lesson Makeup Policy

There is ONE PRIVATE LESSON make-up provided/term. Make-up lessons canceled or missed by a student will be considered made-up. If make-up lessons are offered twice and refused, the lesson will be considered made-up. Lessons canceled due to inclement weather or teacher unavailability will be made up during the semester at a mutually-agreed upon time, or at the end of the term.

If You Are Going To Be Missing A Lesson

If you are going to be missing a lesson either due to illness or another commitment (school rehearsal or tech week, out of town, etc.) please notify Marty at admin@musictheatreofct.com as soon as possible so that she may alert the teacher.

General Communication – IMPORTANT!

MTC voice teachers are only at MTC on their teaching days (1 or 2 days/week). ALL COMMUNICATION REGARDING SCHEDULING, MISSING LESSONS, MAKEUPS, ETC. MUST BE ADDRESSED THROUGH MARTY VIA EMAIL. She will then notify the teacher of any absences (planned or otherwise), as well as scheduling makeup lessons at the end of the term. Again, COMMUNICATION SHOULD ALWAYS TAKE PLACE VIA EMAIL – NOTIFICATIONS SHOULD NOT BE LEFT ON THE MTC PHONE LINE.

Lastly, HAVE FUN! For many of us, singing has become one of the greatest joys of our lives and we hope you find it that way as well! Welcome to the MTC voice department and happy singing!