

Brian Garland's Studio Policies

PHILOSOPHY

I believe that music is a truly enriching experience for people of any age. Music lessons provide students with musical training and skills, as well as important life and interpersonal skills including but not limited to: listening skills, communication skills, and professional skills. Improving students' musical abilities and helping them grow personally are my top priority. I strongly believe that music lessons instill a life-long love and appreciation of music and the arts in students – a love that will help maintain the arts in our society.

MY COMMITMENT

I will provide trumpet students of all ages with the highest quality hands-on instruction, while fostering their musical and non-musical skills. I promise to give students any and all knowledge I have in the different areas of music, and will try to provide as many resources as I can to make them successful students.

YOUR COMMITMENT

It is expected that students arrive prepared for their lessons. Music is a challenging skill to master, and choosing not to practice makes it impossible. Remember, small amounts of consistent practice (even 15 minutes per day) are much more effective than “binge” practicing right before a lesson. Additionally, students are expected to purchase the appropriate amount of equipment, method books, and accessories. I am able to provide some materials in extreme circumstances.

LESSON SCHEDULING

Students will choose a weekly time for their lesson that will continue through the semester. More details will be provided during the mandatory consultation lesson.

TUITION

My rate is \$50 per hour if I teach at the house or \$60 per hour if I travel. I prefer to teach full hour lessons. However, some students do better with shorter half hour lessons so that can be arranged as well. Monthly tuition is to be paid in full at the first lesson of each month. Semester discounts are available upon request.

ATTENDANCE

Students are required to attend every lesson. If a student must miss a lesson, 24 hours notice is required. Lessons missed without timely notification will be charged in full. If notice is given, the lesson fee will roll over to the following month. Excessive cancellation may result in termination of lesson contract.

ASSIGNMENTS

Students will receive weekly playing assignments. Depending on a student's areas of focus, other assignments including theory and analysis or listening, may be required. All listening and viewing assignments will be done using YouTube or other free internet resources. Students must provide an assignment notebook at every lesson. A simple wire bound notebook is acceptable.

CONTACT

Students or parents may contact me at any time via email or phone number. Students will receive weekly assignments from me along with notes from our lesson in their assignment notebook. These notes will also be available electronically upon request. bgarland88@gmail.com