

Dear Students and Parents:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to teach you! We're into quite a musically rewarding year. As a member of Georgia Music Teachers Association and the National Guild of Piano Teachers my students will have several opportunities to perform. This is an important part of their music training.

In addition to the weekly private lessons, I will be teaching small-group lessons for some of my students which will be scheduled during the last week of each month except for August and December. (Two to four students per group). These lessons encompass ear-training, ensemble playing and recital preparation; things that we don't always have adequate time for during the private lessons. We also use computer programs such as Music Ace and Sibelius to develop note reading, rhythm and composing skills. Group lessons last for an hour and take the place of the regularly scheduled private lesson for that week. (I am still in the process of arranging groups for all my students in different locations, etc..) Here is an updated schedule of events for 2013-2014:

OCTOBER 2013

Application Deadline for Fall Festival (see below) – October 19

GROUP LESSONS:

Wed., Oct. 23 Sooriya, Jane and Helen

Thurs., Oct. 24

3:30-4:30 Israel Rosseter, Matt Wong, Alima Shoranova

4:30-5:30 Lane Norris, Ethan Castellino, Grace Osborn

7:00-8:00 Phidi Brann, Nina Mulkowsky

OCTOBER RECITAL SPOOKTACULAR!!! Sunday, October 27 at 3 p.m. England Piano, 3740 Dekalb Technology Parkway, Atlanta, 30340, HYPERLINK "<http://www.englandpiano.com/>" <http://www.englandpiano.com/> Dress in your Halloween costume if you want to! I will be!!!

NOVEMBER 2013

FALL FESTIVAL Saturday, November 23, 2013 Agnes Scott College. Application fee: \$15. Specific location and times to be announced. HYPERLINK "<http://www.decaturmusicteachers.com/fall-music-fest>" <http://www.decaturmusicteachers.com/fall-music-fest>

GROUP LESSONS: will take place Nov. 21. Same days and times as Oct. groups. No lessons will take place Nov. 25-29 due to **Thanksgiving holidays**. Makeup lessons will take place.

DECEMBER 2013

December Holidays: December 23-January 1- No Lessons

JANUARY 2014

Thurs., Jan. 2 - Lessons resume.

Monday, Jan. 20 - A School Holiday, but lessons WILL take place.

GROUP LESSONS - Jan. 23. Same days and times as Oct. groups.

FEBRUARY 2014

Feb. 17-21: I realize are school holidays for some, but lessons WILL take place.

Decatur Music Teachers Asso. Local Auditions Saturday, February 22, 2014 at Agnes Scott College. Selected students. More information to come on this.

GROUP LESSONS Feb. 27 Same days and times as Oct. groups.

MARCH 2014

GROUP LESSONS: Mar. 27 Same days and times as Oct. groups.

APRIL 2014

Spring Holidays: April 8-12 No Lessons.

GROUP LESSONS: Apr. 24 Same days and times as Oct. groups.

MAY/JUNE 2014

PIANO GUILD – May 14 at Smokerise Baptist Church at 5901 Hugh Howell Rd, Stone Mountain, GA 30087 (770) 469-5856

SPRING RECITAL – Sunday, May 18 at 1:30 p.m. at England Piano

GROUP LESSONS: May 22-23 Same days and times as Oct. groups.

JUNE/JULY

Group Lessons will be announced.

STUDIO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES 2013-2014

MONTHLY TUITION: In order to simplify bookkeeping, lesson fees are the same every month. There is an average of four lessons per month. (There are actually four times a year when we have five lessons in a month. But there are also holidays during the months of November, December and April during which we'll have fewer lessons)

30 minute lessons once a week \$110 per month

45 minute lessons once a week: \$160 per month

60 minute lessons once a week: \$215 per month

Full payment for the upcoming month's lessons is due on the 25th of the preceding month. For example, payment for December lessons would be due on November 25. Music books and sheets can be paid for when they are received.

IN-HOME LESSONS There will be a \$40 monthly surcharge for lessons taught in students' homes Due to the time it takes to get from one house to the next, I ask that lessons be at least 45 minutes, unless there is more than one student per house, in which case each student can have 30 minute lessons.

MAKE-UP POLICY: If you are unable to attend a lesson, please call me at (770)843-2580 at least one day in advance of the lesson to be missed so that I can arrange a make-up lesson for you! Continuity is essential to the learning process and it is in the student's best interest to attend lessons regularly. Available lesson times are limited due to my large enrollment of students. It is very difficult for me to arrange make-up lessons if I don't know until the last minute whether a student will attend a lesson. I want to see my students' smiling faces! Therefore, it is my policy to make up lessons only in the event of illness or emergency, and only if I'm notified one day in advance.

SUMMER LESSONS: To hold your time slot, take 4 lessons, payable May 25, 2014.

CESSATION OF LESSONS: Please give me one month's notice if you plan on stopping lessons. This will give me time to place a student from my waiting list in your time slot.

PIANO TUNERS: Allen Cook 678-910-5343, Rick Cooley 770-938-1056, Craig Miller 770-321-9390

PRACTICE: Students should practice at least 30 minutes a day, six days per week. Beginners might only need 15 or 20 minutes. (The practice period can be broken into shorter segments if attention lags.) Parents should check written work halfway between lessons, listen to pieces two to three times per week and maintain a positive, non-critical attitude! (Well, perhaps a bit of constructive criticism is O.K....). Students should keep all current music books, CD's, and supplies together at home and bring all of the above to each and every lesson.

TROPHIES: Trophies are given at the Spring Recital to students who earn 100 points or more for such achievements as memorizing scales, pieces, participating in and attending musical performances and festivals. I will be sending out a sheet detailing the point system!

Thanks again,

Amy Wilson, (770)843-2580, e-mail: amy@amywilsonmusic.com

Please sign one copy of this and return it to me and keep the other for yourself!

Signature_____

Student's Name _____

Emergency Contact # _____

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