

January-May 2024 Studio Policies, Important Dates, and Lesson Schedule (updated 1/2024)

Please be familiar with the following, and please write me with questions at brian@brianparks.work, and use this email as the contact point for the lesson studio. While the studio comprises both adults and younger learners, I include here the information that is specific to families.

- I am a Suzuki teacher at heart and in practice – this is a way of learning that requires the triangular commitment of teacher, parent, and student. A parent must attend all lessons and take notes and then *be* the teacher at home. This is true for online lesson situations as well. For older students, you are responsible for taking notes that resonate during home practice.
- Families must own a piano, a good adjustable bench (I can recommend some), and proper stacking footstools. A studio father made a set for his kids based on the ones I use. I can put you in touch with him if you'd like to purchase one of his designs. A piano is not the only tool for becoming a great keyboardist. Consider harpsichords and organs as often *more* affordable and less bulky objects. But it is difficult to create, hear, and enjoy beautiful tone without a decent instrument.
- Tuition is \$95/hour
- Students wishing individual lessons for auditions or special performances may schedule that on a space-permitting basis. Single lessons are a minimum of one hour, and the tuition for single lessons is \$120/hour.
- If the teacher needs to miss a lesson, you will be refunded that week's tuition by check, cash, or online payment.
- There is an annual materials fee, at \$50/student (\$75 family cap), assessed in January of each year.
- There are no make-up lessons.
- Tuition is paid by semester.
- Please bring the following materials to lessons: music literature books, a binder or spiral notebook for notes taken by parents and/or students, pencils. If working from hand-outs or copies of music, these must be hole-punched and bound so that annotations may be easily made.
- If you prefer to talk on the phone, feel free to do that: 860 929 1383.
- The Atlanta Suzuki Piano Graduation Concerts are held annually at **Spivey Hall** on the campus of Clayton State College during February each year. More information is available at atlantasuzukipiano.org
- In summers, we can schedule either 4-lesson or 6-lesson blocks. Sometimes we will double up on lessons in a week, which I find better than trying to do longer lessons as makeups.
- At the home studio, please park on Patricia Way and come to the front door, which will be open. Proceed to the right and wash hands. Then on to the music room!

Schedule for January - May 2024

(Unless otherwise specified, all Cobb County/MCS school breaks are taken)

January

I have read and understand the policies above:

11, 18, 25

Responsible Party (Print Name)

February

1, 8, 15, 29
No lesson 2/22

Signature

March

7, 14, 21
No lesson 3/28 for Maundy Thursday
But alternatives can be discussed

Date

April

11, 18, 25
No lesson 4/4

May

2, 9, 16
No lesson 5/23

Total of 16 lessons (with an option to add a lesson during Holy Week).

Average tuition for weekly 30-minute lesson:
\$760.00 + \$50 (annual materials fee) = \$810.00

Piano/harpsichord lessons take place at 485 Patricia Way, Marietta GA 30064 (home studio)

Organ lessons take place at Marietta First United Methodist Church

Choral ensembles welcome your participation through Marietta First United Methodist Church (preK-∞)

for more rigorous group instruction, music theory, and performance opportunities, please research Quadratum at Quadratum.online.