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Welcome to Voice lessons 2021/2022

Our goal is to provide quality music instruction while developing a love for music. Our desire is to have our enthusiasm and passion for singing be unavoidably contagious.

In voice lessons, the student will learn how to breathe properly, vocal warm up exercises, broaden their range, improve pitch, posture, sight sing, intervals. We provide opportunities to perform at 2 recitals (Christmas & Year-end) and Airdrie's Rotary Festival of Performing Arts, working with a live accompanist for lessons prior to the performances. Songs will be chosen with student's vocal range, technical ability, and interest in mind.

As with many things in life, practice makes progress. The more practice, the quicker the progress. In order to encourage the students to do their best, each teacher sets up a reward system. Students earn little treats by being well prepared. Hard work will result in obtaining treats more frequently. It has been my experience that homes who have a designated practice time, see students succeed with well-paced progress.

As a studio, we support the local music festival "Airdrie Rotary Festival of Performing Arts", which occurs each Spring. We highly recommend that each student participate in festival and benefit from excellent adjudication and performing opportunity. More information about festival can be found on their website www.airdrierotaryfestival.org

Lessons during the week of festival will possibly be rescheduled as master classes in order to better prepare for festival performances. Extra costs will be incurred for festival and recitals, due to the need to have an accompanist.

I look forward to a great year with many music accomplishments. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Kim Williams

The Basics:

1. For general lessons, you will be required to buy a notebook, and a lesson book. Students learn at different rates, so some students may need to buy an additional lesson book during the year if they have progressed to the next level. Sometimes we will supply additional music. If you already have a supply of music books, we are happy to pick and choose from them if they are at an appropriate level. For Royal Conservatory based lessons, some additional books may be required. For simplicity's sake, we buy the music books (in Calgary) and add the book fees to your account.

PLEASE NOTE: Voice lessons incur the added expense of hiring an accompanist for recitals, festivals and exams. Typically, expect a recital fee to be about \$40 which includes rehearsal and performance. Larger pieces (musical theater) can often need extra rehearsal time. Each accompanist may have their own pay scale, so there needs to be flexibility in this area.

2. Teaching music lessons is of highest priority, and teachers will do everything in their power to begin and end lessons on time. WE expect the same from you. By committing to voice lessons, you are committing to your specific weekly time slot. Teachers have put aside that designated time, with expectations to teach, and whether the student attends or not, they must be paid.

3. Monthly payments are due at **the first lesson of each month**. Cheque (made to McKee Music), cash, or e-transfer to mckeemusic@yahoo.ca is acceptable. A fee of \$20 will be charged for any NSF cheques, and late-payments will be subject to a \$10 charge.

4. **Missed lessons policy**

Depending on which day you have lessons, there are 31-36 lessons over the course of the music lesson year. We purposely plan our lesson dates according to Rocky View school calendar, to avoid conflicts and disruptions to schedules.

If there is a way we can change a lesson to accommodate a schedule conflict, we will try to do that, however, this is not guaranteed, and the expectation should be that missed lessons are charged, whether rescheduling has happened or not.

If a teacher needs to cancel due to their own sickness, and a suitable substitute is not available, you will be credited for that lesson the following month.

Rates as of September 2021/22

1st Student	2nd Student (same family)	3rd+ Student (same family)
30 minute lesson \$25.00*	30 minute lesson \$23.00*	30 minute lesson \$21.00
45 minute lesson \$36.50*	45 minute lessons \$33.50*	45 minute lesson \$31.50
60 minute lesson \$48.00*	60 minute lesson \$44.00*	60 minute lesson \$42.00

*"in-home" (mobile) lessons are subject to an \$8.00 fee per household/per week

Lesson dates are scheduled in accordance with the Rocky View 2021/2022 School Calendar

Monday Lesson dates 2021/2022

September 13,20,27 (no lessons 6th)
October 4, 18, 25 (no lessons 11th)
November 1, 8,15, 22, 29
December 6,13(no lessons 20,27)
January 3, 10, 17, 24 (no lessons 31st)
February 7, 14 ,28 (no lessons 21st)
March 14, 21, 28 (no lessons 7th)
April, 11, 25 (no lessons 4^h,18th)
May 2, 9, 16, 30 (no lessons 23rd)
June 6, 13, 20

Tuesday Lesson dates 2021/2022

September 7,14,21, 28
October 5,12,19,26
November 2,9,16,23, 30
December 7,14 (no lessons 21st & 28th)
January 4,11,18,25
February 1, 8, 15 (no lessons 22nd)
March 1, 8 15, 22, 29
April 5, 12, 26 (no lessons 19th)
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
June 7, 14,21

Wednesday Lesson dates 2021/2022

September 8, 15, 22, 29 (no lessons 1st)
October 6, 13, 20, 27
November 3, 10,17, 24
December 1, 8, 15 (no lessons 22nd and 29th)
January 5, 12, 19, 26
February 2, 9, 16 (no lessons 23rd)
March 2, 9, 16, 23,30
April 6,13, 27(no lessons 20th)
May 4, 11, 18, 25
June 1, 8,15, 22

