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STUDIO POLICIES

Thank you for choosing me as your voice teacher! I look forward to a great year of learning and making music.

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Important Dates

I'm looking forward to the year ahead and have some exciting things planned, so here are some important dates to make note of.

- **National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) Ontario Vocal Showcase (in-person):** November 18-19, 2023 in Kingston, ON; Registration deadline Oct. 31
- **NATS Ontario Vocal Showcase (virtual):** Results available Nov. 29 - Dec. 3; Registration deadline Nov. 5
- **Norfolk Musical Arts Festival:** February 26 - March 1, 2024; Registration deadline Jan. 15
- **Brant Music Festival:** May 2024

Student Portal

My studio is administered using the **MyMusicStaff** platform. Every student has their own profile to manage their contact information, lesson schedule, payment details, etc.

You can log in to the student portal through my website at ludwigvoicestudio.com/student-portal

Tuition

My teaching year is divided into two semesters. A monthly payment reserves your spot in my studio and covers other items such as lesson preparation and repertoire research.

Semester 1 - Fall 2023	Semester 2 - Spring 2024
12 Weeks (September 17 - December 9)	20 Weeks (January 15 - June 8)
2 Flex weeks (December 10 - 23)	3 Flex weeks (June 9 - 29)
Monthly Payments (4) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 30min - \$105• 45min - \$135• 60min - \$165	Monthly payments (6) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 30min - \$117• 45min - \$150• 60min - \$183
2 lesson credits available	3 lesson credits available

MARCH BREAK

There are no lessons from March 10 -17

SUMMER

Although I don't offer a summer semester, my studio will remain open during the summer months. Please speak with me directly if you wish to book lessons in July and August.

How To Pay

- Post-dated cheques submitted at the time of registration
- Credit card, charged automatically on the first of the month
- E-transfer

Payment is due on the first of the month.

Monthly payments will be prorated for students who register after the semester has begun.

If all lessons are completed by the end of the semester, students may book additional lessons during the Flex Weeks.

Missed Lessons

No refunds will be given for missed or cancelled lessons.

LESSON CREDITS

If you find yourself unable to attend a lesson, you may be issued lesson credits at my discretion. Lesson credits can be redeemed in the flex weeks at the end of each semester.

Lesson credits will only be issued if I am notified of the absence at least 24 hours in advance.

No credits will be given for lessons missed with less than 24 hours notice.

QUITTING LESSONS MID-SEMESTER

Occasionally students find they need to discontinue lessons in the middle of a semester. In that event, I require **four weeks notice**. All lessons in the four weeks after the date of notification are payable. Any unused lesson credits will also be forfeited.

ILLNESS

An exception to the 24 hour policy will be made in the case of illness, provided the student notifies me by **9am** the day of the lesson. Lessons cancelled due to illness still count toward the limits on lesson credits outlined above.

No lesson credit will be issued if the student is unable to attend because a parent or sibling of the student is ill.

WEATHER

No lesson credit will be issued for lessons missed due to bad weather.

If you are unable to attend your lesson because of the weather, I can arrange to do the lesson at your usual time via Zoom.

TEACHER CANCELLATIONS

In addition to teaching, I maintain an active performing schedule. Although I try to keep conflicts to a minimum, this may mean I have to reschedule your lesson from time to time. I will try my best to find another time that works for you.

If no suitable time can be found, a lesson credit will be issued to be redeemed during the flex weeks. This credit will not count toward your semester limit.

Drop-in Lessons

For most students, I strongly recommend a weekly lesson as the best way to make consistent progress. For more advanced students and professional singers or where a weekly lesson isn't possible, occasional lessons can be booked when my schedule allows.

DROP IN RATE:

\$70/hr

Recordings

Students are welcome and encouraged to record their lessons for their own personal study and use. No portion of the lesson should be shared publicly without prior permission from the teacher. If you are going to record the lesson, please let me know first.

Guests during lessons

I understand that sometimes parents or friends want to see what goes on during a singing lesson; however, having an audience in a singing lesson can be very distracting.

If a parent wants to attend a portion of their child's lesson, I request that you let me know beforehand and then come for the last 5 or 10 minutes of the lesson.

Guests sitting in on lessons should not give feedback or ask questions unless the teacher invites participation.

Hiring a pianist

Many students choose to participate in music festivals and/or RCM exams. These events require you to purchase the services of a professional collaborative pianist (aka an accompanist).

I will provide you with names and contact info for local pianists.

It is the student's or parents' responsibility to contact the pianist and make any necessary arrangements, including payment.

Student and Teacher Obligations

AS THE STUDENT I WILL...

- Show up for my lessons on time and ready to go,
- Bring all sheet music, exercises, and other materials to every lesson,
- Respect and abide by the studio policies.

AS THE TEACHER I WILL...

- Begin and end your lesson on time as scheduled,
- Help you set goals, provide guidance in choosing repertoire, and provide you with written vocal exercises as appropriate,
- Conduct lessons in a respectful and professional manner.

Thank you for your commitment to your singing lessons. I am looking forward to making music together and to seeing the growth each of you makes with your vocal technique and musicianship over the coming year!

—Julie

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Student Contract

I have read, understood, and agree to abide by the studio policies outlined above.

Name: _____

Parent/Guardian (if applicable): _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____