

April 23, 2023

Dear Students and Parents,

As hard as it is to believe, the end of the studio school year is upon us! The last school-year lessons will be May 15-18, and the Spring Recital is on Friday, May 19th, less than a month away! At the last studio school-year lesson each student will receive his/her end-of-year evaluation of goals we set in September, and a suggested summer practice plan. Summer lessons will begin on May 22nd. During the summer, lessons will be offered *by appointment*.

I *strongly recommend* that all students continue lessons (or some other musical activity) over the summer. Technical skills learned over the school year easily diminish without daily practice and regular supervision/coaching. Auditions for seating in all school orchestras occur shortly after school begins in the fall. Advanced level high school students who are members of their school orchestras will need to spend the summer preparing for the Senior Regional Orchestra audition *just four weeks* after school begins! This is an extremely difficult audition, and will require *significant* preparation over the summer.

If you are interested in summer music camps and haven't yet registered for one, please feel free to contact me for suggestions or advice.

Summer Lessons

Summer lessons will be scheduled by appointment, on a first-contacted, first-booked basis. Please refer to the attached document for available summer lesson times. As these lesson times do fill up quickly, students who plan to continue in the studio during the summer should make *all* of their summer lesson appointments as soon as possible. Due to the shorter summer lesson season, I will not open lesson times to new or "summer-only" students this summer. Only current students will be eligible to continue through the summer months.

2023 Summer Tuition Payments

\$75.00 per lesson

\$140/week for 2 in a family, or, for any one student who takes **2 lessons/week**

\$200/week for 3 in a family or, for any one student who takes **3 lessons/week**

Payment will be expected at each lesson, or in advance. I will send statements out monthly, listing tuition for the entire summer based on confirmed lesson appointments, and the balance forward based on your payments. You choose whether to pay weekly, monthly, or for the entire summer.

Regular School Year Lessons for 2023-2024 will begin August 28th. During the school year, lessons will be offered Monday-Thursday. I will do my best to work with your scheduling needs for the new school year. *Please let me know if you have any **non-negotiable** conflicts for next school year. If you are not planning to return to my studio next fall, PLEASE let me know immediately.*

I have *thoroughly enjoyed* working with *everyone* in the studio this year, and I look forward to your final performances at the recital on May 19th (*June 3rd for seniors*)! I hope to continue learning and growing with *most of you* in the summer, and next fall.

Sincerely,

Helen Fall