## **EVELYN'S PIANO STUDIO**

**CERTIFIED IN CLASSICAL PIANO MUSIC AND THEORY** 

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In order to make our business experience as smooth as possible, I have established the following policies. These have developed over 25 years of teaching and running a successful studio.

Lessons: Piano lessons are an extra curricular activity that starts *mid-August* and goes until *mid-June*. Under regular circumstances, you are committing your child to making piano lessons a priority for each of these 11 months. The Studio Calendar will give the exact dates of lessons and holidays throughout the year.

Tuition: Private Lessons - Your monthly tuition for a half hour lesson will be \$67.00. Payment is due on the first lesson of each month. This is like any other bill and timeliness is greatly appreciated. Not every month will have equal weeks but the tuition will remain the same, to help make billing easier. There will be 11 equal payments (August-June).

Group/Performance Lessons – are \$10.00 per one hour session. This type of lesson increases motivation, performance ability, listening skills and develops friendships with other musicians. I have discovered that their value is immeasurable.

Missed Lessons: There will be NO credits given for missed lessons for any reason, nor will there be any obligation on behalf of the studio to reschedule any missed lessons for any reason. If I am unable to provide the lesson, then of course, we will either reschedule or reimburse.

Annual Studio Fee: There is a \$25.00 charge for the use of studio materials. This fee helps cover the cost of small incidentals, such as stickers, prizes, recital supplies. This is due with the August invoice.

Deposit of Commitment: A \$50.00 *non-refundable* deposit is required; payable when you submit your registration form. This deposit is to secure your spot on the fall schedule. If for some reason you are unable to attend lessons in the fall, you forfeit the deposit. If you start lessons as planned, the deposit will be applied towards your August invoice.

Textbooks & Materials: I will make one BIG summer time order to set the students up for the year. This bill will show up on your August invoice. If throughout the year a student needs a book, I will leave it in your hands to order it. Each student is responsible to have a notebook for their assignments.

Recitals, Festivals: Each of these activities provides the student a special opportunity to develop their performance skills and to share their gifts with others. *Participation is expected under regular circumstances*. If you miss the lesson just prior to any recital, etc. you may be asked to forfeit your privilege to participate in that event.

Practice Routine and Other Requirements: Students will have varying practice times. Please be faithful and habitual. I like to emphasize the quality versus quantity of time; however a good place to start is 20-30 minutes a day for 5 days each week. As students advance, they should remember to increase their practice time. Parents should read their children's assignments occasionally. I would encourage parents to come and sit in on the lesson once every 3-4 months. \*Please try to have your piano tuned at least once a year.