

2022-2023: LET'S SING!

Mission: To help singers of all ages and levels grow in their abilities by providing the musical tools to build confidence and a solid vocal technique.

Vision: All students will feel equipped, prepared, and ready to participate in community, private, or scholastic musical opportunities, and make music for a lifetime.

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Wescome! Thank you for your interest in voice lessons. I love helping people learn to sing or sing better, and I'm looking forward to helping YOU!

This Studio Policy Handout provides almost all you need to know about voice lessons. <u>Please take a minute to read it</u>, so our lessons together can run smoothly. Questions? Just ask!

Here's what's covered:

- "Just One Thing" for lessons
- 8-Week Singing Subscriptions
- What's Included
- What's Extra
- 5 Steps to Start Singing!
- Need to Reschedule? Here's How!

- Studio Hours & Calendar
- Online Lessons via LiveLab.app
- MyMusicStaff Student Portal
- Spring Break
- Bad Weather Stuff
- Thank you!

Just One Thing!

If you've seen the movie City Slickers (funny movie!!!), you may remember this scene (click here): <u>Just One Thing!</u> What's my "One Thing" for lessons?

You <u>must</u> take the number of lessons you sign up for in 8 weeks.

That's it! Easy peasy!! PLEASE look at your calendars **BEFORE** you sign up for lessons so you can have consistency in your learning process. If something comes up, you can reschedule your lessons yourself through the student portal or by speaking with me in advance. **Your 8-week lessons are clearly outlined on your invoice.**

For Studio Hours, 2022-23 Calendar, Subscription details, how to get started, and more, please see next page. For now,

THANK YOU!

I truly appreciate each one of you. I love helping you sing better, and working with you helps me be a better teacher. I'm eager to see you all continue to grow as singers and musicians, and will do my best to continue to guide you on the journey. **Please** don't hesitate to call or email with questions. See you soon!

Giving thanks for each of you, Carol Joy ("CJ") Evans, M.M. Learn to sing, and make music for a lifetime!

2022-2023 Calendar

STUDIO HOURS: WED-FRI: 3-8PM; SAT: 10AM-3PM

** PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY WITH PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPANIST

| Date | Day | Event | Note |
|-------|-----|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 09/07 | Wed | Fall/Winter Lessons Begins | 2515 Owens Ave, #104, or Online |
| 10/15 | Sat | SipNSing Performance Class** | 4-5pm, 2515 Owens Ave, #104 |
| 11/19 | Sat | SipNSing Performance Class** | 4-5pm, 2515 Owens Ave, #104 |
| 11/24 | Thu | Thanksgiving Day | NO LESSONS |
| 12/17 | Sat | Sounds of the Season Soiree** | 4-5:30 Council Tree Covenant Church |
| 12/19 | Mon | Christmas & New Year Break Begins | NO LESSONS |
| | | 2023 | |
| 01/11 | Wed | Winter/Spring Lessons Begin | 4-5pm, 2515 Owens Ave, #104 |
| 02/25 | Sat | SipNSing Performance Class** | 4-5:00pm. Spotlight Music |
| 04/29 | Sat | SipNSing Performance Class** | 4-5pm, 2515 Owens Ave, #104 |
| 07/16 | Sun | Summer Sing Recital | 4-5:30 Council Tree Covenant Church |
| 07/29 | Sat | Last Day of Summer Lessons | See you all in September! |

8-WEEK RENEWABLE SINGING SUBSCRIPTIONS. A couple of years ago I switched to 8-week subscriptions to encourage at least a short-term commitment to learning to sing better and to facilitate bookkeeping. Here's the scoop:

Quarter Note-25. Eight 25-min solo lessons taken over 8 weeks

- Best For: School-age beginners, someone new to singing or shy
- Fee: \$300 every 8 weeks

Half Note-45. Eight 45-min solo lessons taken over 8 weeks

- Best For: Advanced beginners or intermediate singers, grades 6 through adults
- Fee: \$420 every 8 weeks

Whole Note-55. Eight 55-min solo lessons taken over 8 weeks

- Best For: Intermediate or advanced students
- Fee: \$500 every 8 weeks

Eighth Note-45. Four 45-min solo lessons taken over 8 weeks

- Best For: Advanced beginner or Intermediate singer
- Fee: \$220 every 8 weeks

<u>Dotted Quarter Note-55.</u> Four 55-min solo lessons taken over 8 weeks

- Best For: Advanced beginner or Intermediate singer
- Fee: \$260 every 8 weeks

Fermata-55. Two 55-min solo lessons take over 8 weeks

- Best For: Established singer with limited time or budget
- Fee: \$130 every 8 weeks

BYOB - Buddy, That Is! Eight 50-min Buddy lessons taken over 8 weeks

- Best For: Couples, family members, friends. Minimum of 2 buddies per lesson
- Fee: \$290 per person every 8 weeks

Beginning Piano and French Horn. Eight 25-min solo lessons taken over 8 weeks

- Best For: Beginners of all ages
- Fee: \$240 every 8 weeks

WHAT'S INCLUDED WITH ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS

- Vocal technique, performance technique, and character development
- Repertoire/Rep List: songs you're learning and songs ready to perform
- Music reading basics & ear training
- 4 SipNSing Performance Classes (2 Fall; 2 Spring) with professional accompanist
- Recital dress rehearsal with professional accompanist
- YouTube Voice Lesson Playlist with practice videos
- Repertoire research and selection
- Melody practice files, as needed
- Recital prep and program notes
- Scanning/sending music when not in your current collection
- Translations when needed (French, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish, etc)

WHAT'S EXTRA

- Voice Lesson Notebook: \$7-\$10
- Song Collections: \$15-35
- Song Copies: .20/page
- Musicnotes.com music: \$4-6
- Special Accompaniments: \$5
- Sounds of the Season Soiree (Dec): \$20
- Summer Sing Recital: \$20/pp

FIVE STEPS TO START SINGING!

- 1. Decide how many lessons you want to take over 8 weeks: 8, 4, 2, or 1.
- 2. Text or email me to set up a time to talk.
- 3. I'll match you up with right subscription based on your age, time & budget.
- 4. We'll set up your lessons.
- 5. I'll email your 8-week invoice (payable by your first lesson by cash or check). Split payments and credit card payments (+3%) are possible. Just talk with me.

NEED TO RESCHEDULE? HERE'S HOW!

If something comes up and you need to <u>reschedule a lesson</u> <u>within 8 weeks</u> of your first lesson, here's how:

- 1. <u>Log into the Student Portal</u>. If you need me to resend that login link, just let me know.
- 2. Look at the calendar.
 - a. Find and click on your CURRENT lesson day/time.
 - b. Click "Cancel Attendance." Please include a brief note on why you're cancelling. Click YES
 - c. Find and click on a NEW lesson day/time
 - d. Click REGISTER
 - e. Choose and click "REGISTER FOR THIS LESSON ONLY" or "REGISTER FOR ALL OCCURRENCES"
- 3. Lend-a-Lesson. If you can't make a lesson, feel free to lend it to a family member or friend. Just let me know first.

ONLINE LESSONS VIA LIVELAB.APP

What Are Online Lessons? Just that: voice lessons that you take in the comfort of your own home. All you need is a a) good internet connection, b) a PC or MAC or smartphoe with a camera & mic, c) Google Chrome web browser (easy to download); d) a music stand or something to hold your music, e) a place where you can position the computer so I'm able to see your posture, and f) your voice!

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Why Bother? 1) Save travel time & money; 2) Take a lesson when you're not quite sick enough to cancel, but don't want to spread your germs or get anyone else's germs; 3) Stay safe when it's cold, snowy, or yucky outside.

If you're interested in taking online lessons, even now & then, please speak with me. There's no additional charge, and you'll be prepared for anything our Colorado seasons throw at you!

MYMUSICSTAFF STUDENT PORTAL

MyMusicStaff.com is an admin app for music teachers. When you sign up for lessons, you will receive **login instructions** so you can access your personal student portal. It's very user-friendly, so please take a minute to familiarize yourself with it. The Student Portal allows students and parents to:

- View:
 - o your calendar of upcoming lessons, studio and public events
 - your attendance
 - borrowed and downloaded library items (there are over 100 resources, including accompaniments, recital programs, musicianship handouts, etc.)
 - o your email history
- Add and track your repertoire/songs
- Reschedule lessons with 8 weeks of your first lesson
- Track your practice time and leave notes or questions you may have from your practice session
- Print uploaded forms, e.g., Character Worksheet (important!)
- Keep up-to-date with studio news

If you have any trouble accessing your student portal, seeing your scheduled lessons, and receiving/paying your invoice, please let me know.

SPRING BREAK

Since we have all ages and different schools represented in the studio, we do have lessons during Spring break. So, if you are not planning on taking voice lessons during Spring Break, **please let me know!**

BAD WEATHER STUFF

If you're signed up for online lessons, we'll have our normal lesson. Otherwise, I follow the Poudre School District's closure determination for cancelling lessons, or will call you to reschedule if I'm concerned for your safety. We'll try to make these lessons up.