

## Music Lessons – for a lifetime of enjoyment!

Congratulations on choosing to participate in music lessons! Music has been found to enrich the lives of all who participate in its creation or in its enjoyment. When you choose to take music lessons, you are choosing to learn a skill that will benefit you and bring you joy your entire life! No price can be put on such a beautiful art as music yet; obtaining the skill will certainly require assistance from a professional—your music teacher.

Your teacher has chosen to make music their business and their occupation. As with any business, costs are calculated to both insure that the highest quality product is given and that the business makes enough profit to continue their providing services.

### **What does my yearly tuition cover?**

All independent music teachers (IMTs) differ in methods of operation. However, the tuition of nearly all teachers covers the following:

- **Time spent with the student**  
Lessons, Performance Classes, Group Lessons.
- **Time spent in preparation for the student**  
Trips to the music store, lesson planning, schedule planning, bookkeeping, development of curriculum, etc. It has been cited by professional music journals that for every hour enrolled in piano lessons, you are investing at least two hours of the teacher's time!
- **Your teacher's educational training and experience**
- **Recital costs and preparations**  
Programs, refreshments, facility rental

- **Professional organization memberships**  
Memberships are maintained by the teacher to enhance their teaching skills and provide the student with opportunities for festivals.
- **Professional journals**  
Publications to assist the teacher in keeping current on new teaching materials and trends.
- **Studio expenses**  
Copying, printing, computer software, incentive programs, instruments, tunings, repairs, newsletters, studio rent, teaching equipment.
- **Music books and CD's**  
Materials purchased by the teacher for reference materials and student lending library.
- **Property taxes, self-employment taxes, insurances, business licenses, retirement.**  
The IMT has no corporation to assist to providing health, and life insurance with matching funds. The tuitions help cover the increase living costs of your self-employed teacher.
- **Continuing education**  
Lessons and classes that keep the teacher current on methods and techniques.
- **Book and music clubs, web site, and computer labs**  
This provides student helps and discounts for their use.