



## INFORMATION AND POLICY

### ENROLLMENT FEE:

There is a \$25 enrollment fee for all **new** students and those who have **discontinued and return**. This fee is to cover the teacher's time to schedule lessons, discuss the student's needs and desires, and obtain the necessary music and supplies for the first lesson. Registration is for the entire school year.

### TUITION/PAYMENTS:

The Thurman School of Music tuition is based on a year-round music program. The number of lessons per year varies according to teacher, and totals either 40 lessons or 44 lessons. The tuition is divided into two semesters (Fall/Spring). Each semester can be paid in 1, 2, or 3 payments, but the total bill must be paid in full 6 weeks prior to the end of the semester. **Please do not alter bills.**

### LESSONS AND ASSIGNMENTS:

It is important that the student be on time to his lesson so that he will get the full amount of time allotted to him. To get the most from a weekly lesson, the student must diligently practice throughout the week. The teacher will let each student know how much he should practice everyday and will draw a "practice chart" on his assignment book. The assignments will include selections from all types of music to ensure a well-rounded pianist. Music theory will be discussed and workbooks are assigned for further reinforcement.

### IN-HOME LESSONS:

Lessons can be given in your home for a fee. It is important that the student be ready when the teacher arrives. Should the teacher be late because of traffic problems, he or she will either stay later if possible or make up the time at a later date.

### MAKE-UPS:

Please carefully read the Policy Agreement. If the student qualifies for a make-up and the teacher is notified 24 hours in advance, the student's name will be put on a waiting list. When an opening is available, the teacher will contact the parent. Missed lessons cannot be credited.

### INCENTIVES:

Weekly reports are in each assignment book. Students earn trophies, medals, or ribbons based on their diligence and effort in their lesson preparation.

### MUSIC RENTAL:

Music may be rented by the students for a \$15 per-semester fee. It may also be purchased instead for approximately \$50 per semester. Usually the students don't need to keep their music since they will go through their books quickly and move on to more difficult material. However, if a student would like to purchase a particular selection, the teacher should be able to obtain it from the music store.

**EVALUATION WORKSHOP:**

Students participate in the Evaluation Workshop each year in November. Two impartial judges evaluate each student's work. This provides students, parents, and teachers with a yearly evaluation of the student's performance and progress. Fee is \$25.

**RECITALS:**

In addition to the Spring Recital, which is held every May, there is a Holiday recital held in December. These events give students further opportunity to perform and become more confident in front of an audience. The fees are \$25/family for the Spring recital and \$15/family for the Holiday recital.

**RECITAL PIECE PREP:**

Every year TSM directors offer extra help in preparing students to perform in the Spring Recitals. Students have responded very well to this extra encouragement and advice. They have demonstrated tremendous progress through the added individual attention they receive. There is no charge.

**PERFORMANCE CLASSES:**

Students will be given the option to perform part or all of their pieces for other students. They will also practice performance etiquette. This is very helpful for their confidence level. The performance class will be held in April. Ask your teacher for more details.

**THEORY TEST and CLASSES:**

All students have the chance to take a music theory assessment test at one of their spring lessons. This will provide the teacher and parents with knowledge about the student's understanding of music theory. We also provide two ear-training classes each year for students at no extra charge.

**SUMMER:**

Students will be offered 8 lessons during the summer. They can be scheduled with more flexibility, according to vacation and camp dates. Lessons can also be consolidated into fewer but longer lessons. Your teacher will work with you to schedule them at a time that is convenient for everyone. Students that have in-home lessons will need to pay a fee of \$20/trip, but there is no extra tuition charge for summer lessons.

**VACATION:**

There will be several weeks, especially around the holidays, when the students will not have lessons. These dates are available on the semester calendar.