

# 2022 Studio Policies

Sam Irvin's Music Lessons

Irvin Music Studio

**Welcome to Irvin Music Studio!** I am so grateful to be sharing my passion of teaching and performing music with the Asheville community. Thank you for choosing me to help guide you on your musical journey!

## Arrival Instructions

At the home studio: 15 Crestland Rd. Asheville, NC 28803

Our front door is red. There is a small path from the driveway that you can follow around to the back of the house where the entrance is. When it is time for your lesson, I will meet you in our make-shift lobby.

Asheville Music School: 10 Ridgelawn Rd, Asheville, NC 28806

AMS has its own small parking lot but if that's full, there is street parking all around. For your first lesson, I'll meet you in the lobby but for subsequent lessons, you can come on up to my studio when it's time.

## Tuition:

- \$125/month for 30 minute lessons
- \$175/month for 45 minute lessons
- \$225/month for 60 minute lessons

\*A retainer fee of half of the tuition can be paid to hold a slot for a period of time (at least one month) without attendance.\*

*An extra fee of \$10/month is added for AMS students to help cover the additional studio rent cost.*

## Tuition Details:

- Tuition covers a regular weekly time-slot.
- Monthly payments will be automatically collected on the 1st of every month with the billing platform Fons. The first month's tuition will be prorated. The very first lesson can be treated as a (paid) trial lesson— if you choose not to continue, any remaining tuition will be refunded.
- I do not offer credit for missed lessons nor make-up lessons. Instead, tuition remains the same for months with five lesson days. (This works out to an extra lesson every quarter.)
- If I need to miss a lesson, I may offer a make-up day. I will refund any students who can't attend the alternative lesson time (or everybody if I do not offer the make-up).
- If you refer another student to me, you receive HALF-OFF your next month's tuition once they pay for their first month!
- 30 days notice is now required before discontinuing your lessons. The final month's tuition will be prorated. If you need to take a break from lessons, your time slot will not be reserved unless you pay a holding fee (half of the tuition).

## COVID-19 and illness:

Masks are currently optional (although impossible for trumpet students, admittedly) and I will happily wear a mask for my lessons with students who choose to wear theirs.

If you or your child is ill (runny nose, fever, cough) please do not come to your in-person lesson! I reserve the right to excuse you or your child from the lesson if I am feeling uncomfortable that you are ill. We can always do a virtual lesson for any reason! Even if it's just a cold, please be considerate.

## Other Details:

- Any pictures or videos of students are subject for use on my social media or professional website for marketing purposes.
- IMS lessons are not connected with school schedules-- I teach year round and will let you know ahead of time if there will be any missed lessons.
- Students are expected to bring all the necessary materials to each lesson including their sheet music, instrument, notebook, pencil (not pen), accessories like guitar picks or trumpet valve oil, etc.
- Adequate practice time, spent properly focused on the appropriate material, is absolutely vital to gaining competency on any instrument. I recommend 20-40min of practice per day as a standard (although shorter practice times are definitely acceptable for younger students). Greater ability inspires a deeper love for music which in turn makes playing more enjoyable. In this way, practicing becomes easier and more pleasurable the more you do it! **The majority of any students' progress will be made practicing.**
- My goal as a teacher is to guide my students towards the information, techniques and good habits that will encourage optimum growth and consistent progress. I aim to provide a safe space through patience and friendliness, promoting experimentation and a positive attitude towards the discipline that the craft of music requires. I want to emphasize the rewards of a healthy routine and set music up as an example of how honest effort pays off across many areas of life!
- That said, these lessons are your time! I want to be flexible and facilitate the realization of your musical goals. If there is something else I could be doing to help you get the most out of your lessons, please let me know! Feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, etc. : (828) 553-0491 or [sam@irvinmusicstudio.com](mailto:sam@irvinmusicstudio.com)

