



Dr. Jessica Piso

Doctor of Musical Arts in Flute Performance



Private Flute Studio Membership Agreement Form



Expectations for Instructor

Dr. Piso will provide engaging and exciting tutelage on the playing of the flute, musical theory, and aural skills to the student on a weekly basis. Performance opportunities (studio recitals and performances within the community) will be coordinated and offered for students to participate in.

Expectations for the Student

The musical student will come to lessons with a positive attitude, ready to learn and try their best, practice during the week for the agreed upon time, and work on the assigned music each week before their private lesson.

Expectations for the Guardian(s) of Children in Elementary School or Younger

At least one adult must attend every lesson of children who are in elementary school or younger. This individual is encouraged to become a 'practice buddy' for their child and spend practice time together to reinforce the teachings of Dr. Piso and foster a fun music making experience. Many young children need help staying on task and remembering what has already been taught during their time at home. It is not necessary that the guardian learn the flute or how to read music. The 'practice buddy' system is simply there to help create consistency for the child and can be a fun bonding experience.

Required Materials

The flutist is expected to rent or purchase a flute. It is recommended that if you have not obtained an instrument yet, to discuss the best options with Dr. Piso. Most flutes come with a cleaning rod, but the student will need to acquire a cleaning swab. It is very helpful to have a music stand in the home, as well.

Practicing

The appropriate quantity of practicing varies from person to person depending on age, experience, musical goals, and other factors. This amount will be set together by the student and teacher according to their needs. However, it is usually best to practice a little bit every day rather than a whole lot all at once. The skills necessary to flute playing are best achieved through repetition over time. Something that is required after every practice is cleaning all parts of the flute with the swab. This will help keep the flute playing at its best and prevent higher maintenance costs in the future. Afterward, it is safest to stow the flute away in its case when the student is finished using it to prevent bumps and falls.

Payment

Dr. Piso is able to accept cash, checks, and online transfers (using Zelle or Venmo) made out to Jessica Piso. Payment is accepted in monthly installments at the first lesson of the month. This payment includes the fee for all lessons that month.

Attendance Policy

Students must notify Dr. Piso 24 hours before their lesson if they wish to cancel. This communication is particularly important because of the travel required by the student/family and teacher. Sudden illness, family emergencies, and extenuating circumstances are considered excused absences and that week's lesson fee will be transferred to the next month with Dr. Piso's approval. This means that the following month's total bill will include 3 lessons rather than 4. Missed lessons that are not excused or brought to the instructor's attention 24 hours in advance must still be compensated for by the flutist and their family. Lesson fees are not reduced due to tardiness of the student. There are no refunds for canceled lessons. Dr. Piso will notify the student as far in advance as possible, but at least 24 hours in advance, if a lesson must be cancelled (with the exception of absolute emergencies). In teacher-cancelled lesson instances, that week's lesson fee will always be transferred to the following month.

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