

Cape Ann Piano Studio Julie Cleveland, Instructor

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Adult Studio Policy/Fees and Information

Learning to play the piano for the first time as an adult student, or returning to the piano after a long absence, is a greatly rewarding and enjoyable life experience. Music is such an important part of life and so I am honored and excited to be your teacher-mentor-helper in this new journey. My goal as your teacher is to fully support, encourage, and guide your own individual creativity, discoveries, and joy at the piano and to help you succeed in reaching your goals at the piano. Below is my piano studio policy. Please read it carefully. Although I do not require you to sign this policy, it is understood that it will be respected.

Rates

45- and 60-minute lessons are offered. There are no 30-minute lessons for adult students.

Introductory Lesson: An introductory lesson, to see if it's a good fit for student and instructor, is recommended, and is at the a la carte rate (see below) for either a 45- or 60-minute lesson, whichever you choose. It is not included as part of a package.

Lesson Packages – Regular Weekly Time Slot

Lesson packages are offered in 10-lesson quarters (which may span 12 weeks; see below under Studio Policy) for a regular weekly lesson (for "a la carte" lessons please see below). The rate below is only for a regularly scheduled, weekly time slot:

10 45-minute lessons per quarter \$500 | 10 60-minute lessons per quarter \$650

Lessons “A La Carte”

Private coaching/lessons:

“Casual lessons” are individual teaching or coaching sessions for generally more advanced students with no regularly scheduled time slot, which are generally scheduled about a week in advance. A lesson every other week is also considered an a la carte lesson. This package is not recommended for beginning students, who benefit most from a regular weekly lesson.

45-minute lessons \$60 each 60-minute lessons \$75 each

For convenience, you may pay for as many a la carte lessons as you wish, at the a la carte rates above. All a la carte lessons paid for in “bundles” must be used within 3 months of purchase or those lessons are forfeited.

Missed Lessons/Taking Weeks Off

REGULAR TIME SLOT STUDENTS:

There are no makeup lessons, refunds, or credits if the student should miss a lesson. If you are on a weekly time slot schedule, your quarterly payment exclusively reserves you that time slot in my schedule. If I must miss a lesson I will call and reschedule with you or offer you a credit on the next quarterly payment. That said, with a minimum of 24-hour notice or more, I will try to reschedule your lesson to a time/day *later in the same week*, but there are no guarantees. Lessons may not be rescheduled into the next week. If notice is not given within 24 hours, *other than for illness*, the lesson is forfeited.

Taking Weeks Off: You may skip *two lesson weeks* per quarter to allow for previously scheduled vacation, unexpected work conflicts, illness, etc. Any week missed beyond the two allowed missed lesson weeks is a forfeited lesson week, *except for illness*.

A LA CARTE (INCLUDES EVERY OTHER WEEK) STUDENTS:

A minimum of 24 hours' notice is required if you will not be able to attend a lesson for the arranged day/time in that week, *other than for illness*. No-shows forfeit the lesson.

Group Events

Adult Piano Soirées are held throughout the year, either at my studio or at the homes of my adult students. Small-group workshops and classes on various topics may also be held at my studio, or in students' homes, depending on interest. I welcome any and all suggestions for workshop topics. The Soirées are *not* concerts or recitals, they are easygoing and supportive get-togethers, an opportunity to share the pieces we are working on, and our experiences together as pianists, regardless of ability level.

Music Library

My studio music library offers students a chance to play from a variety of books without having to purchase them. (Any borrowed music that is not returned or is returned damaged will be charged to the student at its replacement cost.) Using YouTube to find performances of pieces is very helpful; ask me about other online resources as well. Also, subscribe to my blog for more info.

Termination of Lessons

REGULAR TIME SLOT STUDENTS:

In the event you decide to discontinue lessons during a quarter, you may finish out the remainder of the current quarter or forfeit any unused lessons, as there are no refunds or credits given, for that quarter or any future quarter.

Please give me one month's notice if you are planning to not continue lessons into the next quarter. If less than one month's notice is received, one's month's payment (equal to 4 lessons) will be due.

Contact

You can reach me by email/text/phone—please leave a message and times that work for me to call you back. If contacting me on the day of your lesson, please text or call, I may not get a chance to check my email.

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Professional standards will be maintained and definite goals will be established for each student. It is my goal to give you the best possible music education. I belong to professional organizations; attend workshops and educational programs when possible; subscribe to professional publications and engage in other activities that provide opportunities for my professional growth and that enhance my own teaching skills. I look forward to working with you, and thank you for choosing me as your piano instructor!

Studio Blog I strongly urge you to follow my blog! (Just click "Follow" on my website, and sign up with your email address) as I post articles on piano playing, practicing, links to other videos, articles and sites, music events coming up, etc. I don't post all that often, so your in-box won't be clogged!

Cape Ann Piano Studio and Julie Cleveland is released from any liabilities, accidents or injuries that the enrolled student may incur when participating in piano lessons, group classes, piano soirées, or piano events.