

Cape Ann Piano Studio Julie Cleveland, Instructor

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Adult Studio Policy/Rates and Other 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.

Lesson Times and Rates

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

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 Missed Lessons/Taking Weeks Off) for a regular weekly lesson: rates below are only for a regularly scheduled, weekly time slot:

10 45-minute lessons per quarter \$540 | 10 60-minute lessons per quarter \$720

Students may pay in 2 installments of 5 lessons each if it better suits their budget.

A lesson every other week is not considered a regular time slot but is an a la carte lesson, see below.

Lessons “A La Carte”

“Casual lessons” are individual lessons for generally but not necessarily more intermediate/advanced students with no regularly scheduled time slot. This package is not recommended for beginning students, who benefit most from a regular weekly lesson.

45-minute lessons \$70 each 60-minute lessons \$80 each

If you call and book a lesson a week ahead, I will reserve that time slot, however, I reserve the right to change the lesson time if needed. A minimum of 48 hours' notice is required if you will not be able to attend a lesson for the arranged lesson time slot in that week so that I can re-book the time. If I do not receive at least 24 hours' notice you will be billed for that time slot.

Missed Lessons/Taking Weeks Off

REGULAR TIME SLOT STUDENTS:

There are no makeup lessons, refunds, or credits if the student should miss a lesson except for “Taking Weeks Off” policy (see below). 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 regularly scheduled lesson I will call and reschedule with you or offer you a credit if you are unable to

reschedule. With a minimum of 24 hours' notice or more, if requested, I will try to reschedule your lesson to a time/day later only 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, death in the family, etc. the lesson is forfeited.

Taking Weeks Off: You may skip two lesson weeks per quarter for any reason; any week missed beyond the two allowed missed lessons is a forfeited lesson week, except for illness, death in the family, etc.

Group Events

Adult Potluck Piano Soirées are held throughout the year, either at my studio or at the homes of my adult students. I may also offer a small-group workshop on various topics, depending on interest. I welcome any and all suggestions for workshop topics. The Soirées are not concerts or recitals, they are easy going and supportive get-togethers, an opportunity to get to know each other, 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. An invaluable resource for all public-domain music is the Petrucci Music Library, or "IMSLP" (International Music Score Library Project), scores can be downloaded here for a very small membership fee (used to be free):
<https://imslp.org>

Discontinuing Lessons

REGULAR TIME SLOT STUDENTS:

If 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. Please give one month's notice if you are planning to not continue regular, weekly 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 you need to get in touch with me on the day of your lesson, *please text or call*, as I may not get a chance to check my email.
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Professional standards will be maintained and mutual goals established for each student. It is my goal to give you the best possible music education. I belong to professional organizations, attending their 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!

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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.