

MUSIC MAKER

Private Music Lessons and Monthly Tuition Policy

Drop in Rates

30 MIN PRIVATE LESSON - \$50

45 MIN PRIVATE LESSON - \$65

60 MIN PRIVATE LESSON - \$85

Monthly Membership

WEEKLY 30 MIN PRIVATE LESSON - (\$160 A MONTH)

WEEKLY 45 MIN PRIVATE LESSON - (\$220 A MONTH)

WEEKLY 60 MIN PRIVATE LESSON - (\$300 A MONTH)

Our membership tuition is calculated evenly for 30 - 40 weeks of private lessons and 8 group classes a year. Each month is unique in terms of the frequency of lessons according to the school calendar. On average a student will receive 4 private lessons a month. However, some months are shorter due to holiday breaks and some months are longer and have 5 lessons. Students pay an even amount each month for the whole year regardless. Remember that tuition covers not only weekly private lessons but also participation in group classes, recitals, and other enrichment activities offered throughout the year. It is highly recommended and encouraged to attend our group classes, however, it is your choice whether to attend or not and tuition will not be adjusted.

What does the Music Membership include?

- Private Lessons - Scheduled as an ongoing weekly commitment, so please choose your day and time carefully, considering your other extracurricular commitments that may conflict.
- Group Classes - Students are invited to attend monthly group classes on music history, appreciation, and theory with Miss Nati throughout the year! These classes are intended to serve as additional enrichment and support to all our music students.

Payment

Tuition is paid via a monthly membership payment which will automatically deduct on the first of each month.

Termination Policy

Kalabash requires 2 weeks notice of intention to discontinue lessons as a courtesy. Tuition for such a period is a financial commitment and no refunds will be given.

Cancellation + Make-up Policy

Advanced notification of a student's absence is requested as a courtesy but does not exempt the student from payment contracted. We require at least 48 hours notice for a student to qualify for a make-up lesson. This includes cancellations made due to students' vacations, work, sports and other activities, illness, weather, drama productions, mandatory school events, school trips, etc. Remember, a weekly lesson time for the year is a purchase of teacher and studio time, prepared in advance to be free from interruptions and distractions, and reserved exclusively for students each week - that time slot remains committed to the student whether the student uses the time or not.

- For last minute cancellations made the day of or the day before your lesson, you will not be refunded or credited for the missed lesson and there is no guarantee of rescheduling.
- For cancellations made 2 or more days in advance, we can schedule a makeup lesson either 2 weeks before or after the missed lesson only. However, If a make-up lesson is not possible, due to scheduling conflicts, there will be no refunds or credits given. It is always best to try and schedule a make-up lesson when possible!
- Kalabash will assume financial responsibility if the instructor becomes ill, is out of town, or cancels for any reason. In such a case, there will be a make-up lesson scheduled at a mutual time or credit will be given toward the following month's tuition.
- As our teachers' income depends on continuity of lessons and consistency is key for a student's steady growth, priority will be given to students who do not cancel frequently. This will be discussed with families on an individual basis and does not include lessons that are canceled by the teacher or by Kalabash.

Substitute Teachers

All of our instructors are artist-teachers and are sometimes unavailable to teach due to work opportunities outside of Kalabash. In the event that your regular teacher is not available, a substitute teacher will be organized and prepped in advance to teach your lesson. It is important that students attend their lessons when a substitute teacher is scheduled. Make-up lessons will not be available nor will memberships be pro-rated if a student fails to attend their lesson with a substitute teacher.

Holidays + Summer Vacation

- Kalabash is closed on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Weekend (Thursday - Sunday) and the last week of December. Make up lessons can be scheduled but tuition will not be adjusted and credit will not be given towards future membership payments.
- During the summer holidays Kalabash will credit and pro-rate a maximum of 4 lessons, for weeks when students are unable to attend their regularly scheduled lessons. We encourage students to continue lessons through the summer to maintain progress and support our studio and teachers during this time of year. Make-up lessons can be scheduled for students who plan on missing more than 4 weeks of lessons during this time.

Communications

Email is the preferred method of notification as our administration team is not always available to answer the phone when lessons are in progress. Contact information below:

- **Email:** Hello@KalabashArts.com
- **Phone:** 858-456-2753

Drop off and Pick Up

Please be on time for your lessons/classes. If you are late, instructors will not be able to stay late to make up lost time with you. You may not leave your young children unattended before or after their allotted lesson time. Teachers must give their full attention to the current student that is scheduled and there may not be another adult on-site. Siblings may not be left unattended at any time. If you are not going to stay and wait during your child's lesson, please thoroughly discuss instructions for when and where your children are to meet you after lessons, whether that be in the lobby waiting area, on the sidewalk, or elsewhere. Kalabash instructors are not responsible for students after they leave the studio room. We are devoted to attention inside the studio space only.

Dismissal of Students

The teacher reserves the right to terminate lessons with a student for any or all of the following reasons: Uncooperative or repeatedly disrespectful, disruptive, or abusive behavior during lessons, repeated failure to prepare assigned material, bring materials to lessons, and read the assignment sheets, lack of progress due to insufficient effort to practice minimally on a regular basis and excessive absences or missing lessons without prior notification.

Observing Lessons

Parents are invited to watch lessons and classes at any time if there is sufficient space in the room and it will not distract the student. Otherwise, parents are permitted to wait quietly in the front room with the understanding that they must be respectful of the lesson or class that is being held.

Supplies

- For music students: the cost of books will be in addition to the cost of lessons, and unless otherwise specified, students will be responsible for purchasing their own books and sheet music. Instructors will recommend titles and stores.
- Students with beautiful instruments thrive. Students should try to obtain the best quality instrument that they can afford. Pianos should be tuned when needed.
- Hard-cover, ½-inch, 3 ring binder with pockets for extra copies of music, sheet activities, and practice lesson notes.
- Kalabash will provide a notebook and tote bag to each student upon their first lesson.

Student's Responsibilities

- Practice 5-6 days a week; generally speaking, between 20 - 45 minutes depending on age and level.
- All students need to bring their lesson books and materials to each lesson.
- Hands must be washed, fingernails cut short
- No gum chewing

PLEASE NOTE: I understand and agree to abide by the policies and procedures of Kalabash School of Music + the Arts. I understand and agree that I am responsible for the full monthly tuition, with no deductions available for missed lessons.

Student Name: _____

Signature: (Adult student or parents)

_____ Date _____

*Only for younger students, please have her/him sign below for understanding the students' responsibility policy

Student Signature:
