A Musician Is…

Violin and Viola lessons

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**Studio Philosophy**

Nicole Rafferty’s studio operates under two predominate philosophies; Dr. Suzuki’s principle that **Every Child Can** and F.M Alexander’s body neuromuscular reeducation technique. The Suzuki principle asserts music is an intrinsic part of every human being’s nature and that if a student desires to learn, it is the responsibility of the teacher and parent to aid them in the learning process. Alexander’s principles are used in the lesson to encourage the development of healthy postural and mental habits.

**Private Lessons**

The Student/ Parent may choose between lesson lengths of 30 min, 45 min, or an 1hr once every week. If the Student/Parent would like to schedule lessons for more than once per week provisions can be made for such an arrangement. Lessons are taught during the school year and during the summer.

**Teacher Responsibilities**

The teacher is responsible for aiding the student, to the best of her abilities, in the development of their musical and technical abilities regarding the violin. As well as, to create a safe and secure environment in which the student feels secure to make mistakes and ask questions. The teacher may also aid the student with their posture by physically helping the student by touching their neck, back, arms, or fingers.

**Parent Responsibilities**

For younger students (age 3-13) a parent is strongly encouraged to read Dr. Suzuki’s book Nurtured by Love. For these younger students, the parent is also required to attend lessons and take notes. In addition, it is expected that the parent will help the student practice while at home.

It is important for the parent to remember that a student’s attitude towards practicing will vary depending on the student’s mood, as well as, the parent’s attitude toward helping them practice. Practicing is difficult but encouraging a healthy attitude towards practicing through example and encouragement will help the student develop persistence and a good work ethic in other areas of the student’s life.

**Student Responsibilities**

A student is required to come to lessons on time, with all their music, and equipment (violin, bow, shoulder rest, and foot chart).

A student is also required to come prepared for lessons. Meaning, that they have practiced the previous week and are in a ready mental state to work.

**Attendance**

Attendance is required every week unless the teacher or the parent/student cancels lessons.

**Cancellation Policy**

Both the teacher and Parent/Student are required to cancel lessons within 12 hours of the upcoming lesson. If the student does not inform the teacher in a timely fashion that they will not be attending their lesson the student is **required to pay for that missed lesson.**

Makeup lessons are strongly encouraged however, if a student would prefer not to make the lesson up there is a $5 charge. This is due to the cost of booking the studios facilities.

**Makeup Lessons**

If the student misses a lesson without informing the teacher prior to the lesson being missed, the teacher is not required to makeup that lesson.

If the teacher needs to cancel a lesson prior to the 12 hour notice they are required to makeup that lesson in a timely fashion.

All makeup lessons must be made up within two weeks of the initial lesson date. Otherwise, the student forfeits the lesson.

**Termination of Lessons**

If a student would like to discontinue lessons, studio policy requires at least one month’s notice before the last lesson.

**Payment**

Payment is required at the beginning of each lesson or at the beginning of each month. The studio accepts check, direct deposit or cash. Payment is also expected for the use of the MusicFirst classroom in the amount of $15 per month. Group classes may be opted into each month.



**I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Understand an Agree with all the terms of Nicole Rafferty’s Violin Lesson contract.**

**Student:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Contact Information**

**Parent’s Name**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent’s Phone Number**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent’s Email address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Student’s Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Student’s Phone Number (optional) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Student Height\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Student Age\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Years of Previous Experience\_\_\_\_**

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If this release is obtained from a presenter under the age of 19, then the signature of that presenter’s parent or legal guardian is also required.

Parent’s Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_