

# *Get Started Pack*



*Nourishing hearts and minds with music making for life*

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# MUSIC LESSONS

## that make your heart sing!

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**30-minute or 45-minute private lessons • Pleasantburg Drive or Woodruff Road**

### *Be Inspired*

PCS students flourish in a nurturing environment where individual ability and interest is developed through instruction carefully tailored to each student's unique potential, learning style, and goals.

### *Get Connected*

A warm sense of belonging within the PCS family and camaraderie within each teacher's studio means that every student finds support and encouragement all along the way.

### *Feel Valued*

Every student feels special because we delight in discovering exactly how we can foster the greatest confidence, momentum, and progress for each student.

### *Stay Happy*

We work hard to keep our students enjoying consistent progress and excited about their lessons. A motivated student is a happy student who will thrive on practicing, improving, and sharing his or her musical talents with others.

### *Love Your Lessons*

PCS students of all ages love their lessons because of all of the extras they enjoy in our program and because of all of the time and care we invest in creating an individualized learning experience for each student.

# 6 Things You Need to Get Started in Music Lessons

***Getting started in music lessons is easier than you might think. In fact, some of the things on our list are things you already have – no purchase necessary!***

## #1 – An instrument

The only time you don't have to rent or purchase an instrument for music lessons is if you're taking voice lessons. Otherwise, you will need an instrument on which to practice during the week in between lessons. Your practice at home is what will ensure that you are making steady progress.

For purchasing a piano, we recommend spending some time with the good folks at Piano Central. For rentals of other instruments, we recommend Musical Innovations.

## #2 – Self-motivation

If you're taking the time to read about these six things, chances are the motivation for taking music lessons is already there in one form or another. It is true that motivation, even more than raw talent, is one of the biggest factors to long-term success in music lessons. Younger beginners may need a little help in the self-motivation department, but if a love for music is there, chances are that the self-motivation will come out too.

## #3 – A perfect fit

Here's one that can be a little harder, but it is oh-so-worth-it to find that good teacher match – someone that you or your child clicks with, someone who is committed to help you reach your musical goals, someone who will inspire you, someone you like and trust, and someone who is musically qualified.

## #4 – Time for practice

This is important to think through ahead of time. Taking lessons without practice time is pretty much a waste of money and time. But making time for practice doesn't have to be hard. It simply take a little planning, a little commitment, and sometimes a little creativity. (For example, 10 minutes in the morning before breakfast and 10 minutes just before supper still gets in 20 minutes a day – plenty of time for beginning and early level students.)

## #5 – Convenient scheduling

Since you'll come for a lesson on the same day and at the same time week after week, finding a weekly lesson day and time that consistently works in your busy schedule is an important part of taking lessons. You don't want to miss more lessons than you take just because of scheduling!

## #6 – Goals to accomplish

One big reason for taking lessons is just to learn to play or sing! But take it a step further. WHY do you want to learn to play the piano or sing? Maybe it's for fun or as a hobby. Maybe it's because you want to be part of the music ministry at your church or you want to be able to entertain friends. Maybe it's because music is an outlet for you, an important way to express yourself or relieve stress. Maybe it's because you love music and fell like you might have a future with music. Think about your goals and then don't hesitate to share those goals with your music teacher.

# How to Choose the Music Teacher that's JUST RIGHT for You

Education and experience are qualifications to look for in a teacher, but the relationship and connection between a teacher and student are just as important. And with our busy lives, scheduling often becomes a critical consideration.

Because of the size of the music program here at Piano Central, we can help you find just the teacher and lesson time you are looking for from the excellent combinations of education, experience, and personalities amongst the Piano Central staff.

→ **Begin by asking for a teacher whose own temperament, personality, and teaching style will complement the student's temperament and personality.**

Your input helps us ensure good student-teacher chemistry - something that is essential to the success of each student, whether you have a young beginner or you're taking lessons as an adult.

→ **Tell us what kind of music you or your child are interested in.**

Do you want a traditional approach, or are you interested in improv? Do you like classical, sacred, or Disney music? Or maybe you just want to learn, and you're not sure yet what kind of music you'll eventually want to play. That is totally okay too!

→ **Share a little about what your musical goals might be.**

Do you just love music and want to learn to play? Are you taking music lessons for fun? Do you want to take lessons as a new hobby? Are you interested in developing your talents more seriously? Do you just love to perform? If you have goals to share, we'd love to hear about them.

→ **Let us know if you have any special scheduling needs or preferences.**

We teach Monday through Saturday throughout the day and into the evening at both of our Greenville and Simpsonville studio locations. Multiple teachers teaching in different studios means that we can even make things easy by scheduling simultaneous or back-to-back lesson times for siblings or friends.

Based on your feedback, we will recommend a teacher who not only enjoys teaching, but who also customizes his/her teaching by utilizing a variety of teaching methods that best meet each student's needs, learning style, personality, and interests.

It's really that easy! Best of all, you can get started any time you're ready.

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