

Welcome to Laura Gray Music Studio!

Thank you for considering me as your child's piano teacher. My teaching philosophy provides a music education that combines current composers' works and a focus on Canadian content with rich traditional music, as well as developing musicianship skills that will last a lifetime. I use games to enhance learning, and creative assignments to explore individuality. Students may choose a recreational or an exam focus at any time because holistic lessons and musical enjoyment are key factors in my teaching. I look forward to being able to speak with you about your musical goals, and setting up a time to meet.



In my 'spare time' I keep busy with my positions with the Ontario Registered Music Teachers' Association, and the Canadian Federation of Music Teachers' Associations. I was able to spend time throughout July in meetings and workshops, learning and connecting with other music teachers, while working to keep music education strong across the country. I also attended the provincial piano competitions in Ottawa where I heard beautiful performances by inspiring young musicians.

Still, I know that time in my own studio with my own students is my true passion. Sharing music making and learning with youth is so fulfilling for me, and I'm very thankful to you, the Piano Parents, who support piano lessons as an activity and goal for your children. Seeing the light in a student's eyes when they hear or play a piece that they really connect with, and developing skills that will last a lifetime brings me joy.

Learning an instrument is not an easy or quick process. The **"stick-with-it-ness"** that develops while taking music lessons empowers us for years to come with the skills and **confidence** to tackle new challenges along life's path. Making music provides **a healthy outlet for self-expression**, as well as being a place to retreat to.

STUDENTS, I'm preparing some fun activities for the Fall that I can't wait to share with you!

- Plenty of games and creative music-making through my Vibrant Music Teacher Membership
- The Palmerston Canada Music Week Festival will be held November 22, and I'm very excited to tell you that composer Lynette Sawatsky is coming all the way from Saskatchewan to adjudicate!
- Buddy Lesson options continue after great success last year
- **And new this year...I've invested in a studio membership for the Vivid Practice App, and each student will have the opportunity to create an account and have a helpful practice tool at home!**

Students who choose the Buddy Lesson format will have a solo and an overlapping portion of their lesson with one other piano student. The students benefit from more time in the studio with me, while building relationships and being motivated by piano peers. Students will have weekly opportunities to **make music together** through ensemble playing, and they will develop their listening skills, their quick-thinking skills, theory knowledge, and so much more, all while having **fun!** You can see the cost-savings to you in the Lesson Formats on the policy.

Please contact me by email or phone at your earliest convenience to discuss goals and lesson times for the coming school year. I'm happy to take the time to discuss your child's needs and goals with you. You'll find my 2024-25 Studio Policy below.

Sincerely,

Laura

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PIANO LESSON REGISTRATION POLICY AGREEMENT 2024-2025

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MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES:

Each student will

- have a weekly lesson specifically planned to nurture their music education, including technique, theory, a variety of styles of pieces, general musicianship skills, and more, taught in a personalized and creative way
- be included in Recitals, Festivals, ORMTA Awards, CFMTA opportunities, and Group Lessons
- be expected to practice and play the piano 5 days a week for optimal progress and fun
- have access to the Vivid Practice App membership

Piano Parents are requested to

- be consistent and punctual with lesson attendance
- initiate the habit of piano practice at home, as well as encourage home performances and playing for enjoyment
- help to ensure that students understand home assignments and that books are brought to all lessons
- communicate openly with me regarding questions of progress, scheduling, etc.

LESSON FORMATS AND FEES:

Pre-school Group Lessons:

- **Beginners ages 3-5**
45 minute class, weekly
\$120 for 8-week session



Solo Lessons:

- **Beginner - Elementary**
\$378/term (x4)
45 min. weekly
- **Intermediate Levels**
\$504/term (x4)
60 min. weekly
- **Advanced Levels**
\$585/term (x4)
75 min. weekly

Buddy Lessons:

- **Beginner - Elementary**
\$324/term (x4)
30 min. solo & 15 min. buddy,
weekly
- **Elementary - Intermediate**
\$450/term (x4)
40 min. solo & 20 min. buddy,
weekly

REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR ALL STUDENTS:

- a functional, tuned piano or keyboard. Keyboards must have touch sensitive keys and a working damper/sustain pedal mechanism. These are essential for all levels of piano music.
- a metronome (great free apps are available)
- a small binder for weekly lesson notes and print pages
- a method or graded book, theory book, and supplementary materials. Be sure to bring these books to every lesson. I will obtain any new materials that are required for lessons and bill you as needed.

TUITION PAYMENTS:

Payment is due before the start of each term. The piano year includes 36 weeks of lessons and is divided into 4 equal payments, dated as follows:

Sept. 8/24, Nov. 8/24, Jan. 8/25, and Mar. 8/25.

Payment can be made by cheque, cash, or e-transfer to graylaura323@gmail.com.

Tuition includes lessons (32 regular weeks and 4 group lesson weeks), as well as performance opportunities, consultations, and marking written work. Library lending, lesson planning, handouts, exam or festival application paperwork, and access to the Vivid Practice App membership are some of the other things included in the tuition.

*Note that entry fees for festivals, exams, etc. are not included in the tuition. *Books are not included in the tuition.

STUDIO SCHEDULE:

Lessons will be held weekly from September 9th until June 5th.

Scheduled holidays are Christmas (Dec. 21 – Jan. 5) and March Break (Mar. 10-14) with the school year.

Please commit to your lesson time for the year. I will do the same for you.

Make-up lesson times will only be available in extreme cases. If you choose to attend an event in place of piano, it is your choice. As a courtesy, please let me know.

Please keep in mind that your commitment to piano lessons extends to June 5th, 2025. The remainder of the term tuition will be non-refundable if you decide to terminate lessons.

Often exams are held later in June, and extra lessons will be available for an additional fee until that time.

ILLNESS AND CLOSURE:

If a student or teacher is ill, or unable to attend, online lessons may be held at the same time as the scheduled lesson. Provincial and regional health and safety guidelines will be followed.

Signed:  September 1, 2024
Laura Gray

Parents, please sign my copy at your child's first lesson.