

Washington State University
School of Music

Piano Pedagogy Lab School

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Visit us at the PPLS website:

<http://ppls.wsu.edu>

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Welcome to the Piano Pedagogy Laboratory School! I am glad you are interested in taking piano lessons with our enthusiastic teachers, and we cannot wait to work with you.

Organization

The PPLS offers private lessons from September through April, arranged into a fall and a spring semester. Each semester comprises 15 weekly lessons and 1 final recital, where students will share the result of their hard work with their friends and family. Because of the current situation it is difficult now to plan additional events (workshops and live performances), but we will certainly keep you informed in case some opportunities come up!

We ask students and their families to commit to at least one semester of piano lessons. Although we understand that sometimes other plans may occur, discontinuous lessons are counterproductive, and we know that students learn better when their lessons happen regularly. As our teachers commit to our schedule, we appreciate you doing so.

Online Teaching

Students and teachers hoped to meet in person, but Covid-19 has determined a different scenario. All lessons will be online, but ***I want to assure you that the quality of our teaching (and students' learning) will not be compromised. Online teaching does not mean worse, it means different.*** We know that we can still teach effectively, and that students can reach their goals, it is just a matter of adjustments. As we see this moment as an opportunity to think and act differently, we hope that you will join us with the same spirit!

Fees for Private Lessons

WSU Piano Professors:	contact Dr. Menchetti or Dr. Roh
Graduate Teaching Assistants:	30 min. lessons = \$ 247.50 per semester 45 min. lessons = \$ 371.25 per semester
Undergraduate Student Teachers:	30 min. lessons = \$ 210.00 per semester 45 min. lessons = \$ 315.00 per semester

Payments

When students register at the beginning of the year, they are charged for the whole semester (15 lessons), but they can pay in three monthly installments. The installments do not reflect the exact number of lessons taken in a specific month, but a group of five lessons. The final recital does not count as a lesson, and it is free of charge!

The payments for the spring semester are due as it follows:

1st installment by January 19

2nd installment by February 16

3rd installment by March 16

Make checks payable to:

“WSU – School of Music” and address the mailing to: **School of Music/WSU, Attn: Anna-Maria Shannon, PO BOX 645300, Pullman, WA 99164-5300.**

Please note that one missed payment will result in automatic termination of the lessons. Music books must be purchased separately by the parent or student. Your teacher will have recommendations and instructions regarding purchasing printed music materials.

Make-Up Lessons & Vacations

There are no make-up lessons for either illness or school events. If you cannot be at a lesson because of illness or any other reason, please contact your teacher as soon as possible. If your teacher misses a lesson for any reason, it will be made up at a time convenient to both parties. It is assumed that all of our students in private lessons have signed up for the entire year; we have made that commitment to you. If for any reason you cannot continue lessons, we require a four-week notification, or it will be the school’s policy to charge the equivalent of next installment.

Recitals

It is our tradition to involve students in a number of public performances, since they are a vital part of their development. Considering the unpredictability of the current situation, as of now we are planning an online Christmas recital and a Spring recital. We will be monitoring how the situation evolves, and we will inform you in case more online or live opportunities arise. We certainly want our students to perform as much as they can!

Practice Expectations

Students enrolled in 30-minute lessons are expected to practice a minimum of 20 minutes each day. 45-minute lessons require a minimum of 40 minutes practice each day. Students who wish to excel should allow for more practice time. Daily practice will help the student accomplish his/her musical goals, which will lead to greater self-esteem and the enhancement of learning abilities. If you have any questions concerning your student’s practice habits, please contact your student’s teacher or refer to the PPLS website for tips.

Thank you for participating in the WSU Piano Pedagogy Lab School. We look forward to teaching your student and hope you find it to be a positive learning experience!

FALL SEMESTER CALENDAR

Lesson Weeks

1. Aug 31 – Sept. 4
2. Sept. 7 – Sept. 11
3. Sept. 14 – Sept. 18
4. Sept. 21 – Sept. 25
5. Sept. 28 – Oct. 2
6. Oct. 5 – Oct. 9
7. Oct. 12 – Oct. 16
8. Oct. 19 – Oct. 23
9. Oct. 26 – Oct. 30
10. Nov. 2 – Nov. 6
11. Nov. 9 – Nov. 13
12. Nov. 16 – Nov. 20
13. Nov. 30 – Dec. 4
14. Dec. 7 – Dec. 11
15. Dec. 14 – Dec. 18

Saturday, December 19 = Christmas Recital (online)

SPRING SEMESTER CALENDAR

1. Jan. 18 – Jan. 23
2. Jan. 25 – Jan. 30
3. Feb. 1 – Feb. 6
4. Feb. 8 – Feb. 13
5. Feb. 15 – Feb. 20
6. Feb. 22 – Feb. 27
7. Mar. 1 – Mar. 6
8. Mar. 8 – Mar. 13
9. Mar. 15 – Mar. 20
10. Mar. 22 – Mar. 27
11. Mar. 29 – Apr. 3
12. Apr. 5 – Apr. 10
13. Apr. 12 – Apr. 17
14. Apr. 19 – Apr. 24
15. Apr. 26 – May 1

Saturday, May 1 = Spring Recital