

Washington State University  
School of Music  
**Piano Pedagogy Laboratory School**  
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<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.

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.

### **Fees for Private Lessons**

<b>WSU Piano Professors:</b>	30 min. lessons = \$ 487.50 per semester
	45 min. lessons = \$ 731.25 per semester
	60 min. lessons = \$ 975.00 per semester
<b>WSU Staff Pianist:</b>	30 min. lessons = \$ 300.00 per semester
	45 min. lessons = \$ 450.00 per semester
	60 min. lessons = \$ 600.00 per semester
<b>Undergraduate Student Teachers:</b>	30 min. lessons = \$ 247.50 per semester
	45 min. lessons = \$ 371.25 per semester
	60 min. lessons = \$ 495.00 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 are due as it follows:

Fall semester:

1<sup>st</sup> installment by August 28

2<sup>nd</sup> installment by September 25

3<sup>rd</sup> installment by October 30

Spring semester:

1<sup>st</sup> installment by January 8

2<sup>nd</sup> installment by February 5

3<sup>rd</sup> installment by March 4

All billing for lessons will be handled through the School of Music. Questions regarding billing should be addressed first to the School of Music (contact Kristine Tims 509-335-7122 or [kristine.tims@wsu.edu](mailto:kristine.tims@wsu.edu)), then to Fabio Menchetti (see contact info above).

We are currently accepting payments by check, payable to: **“WSU – School of Music”**

You can either

- 1) mail your check (and address the mailing to: **School of Music/WSU, Attn: Kristine Tims, PO BOX 645300, Pullman, WA 99164-5300**)

or

- 2) put your check in the PPLS payment drop box, located in Kimbrough Music Building (second floor, next to 260)

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. 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 several public performances since they are a vital part of their development. Here is a calendar of the events where students can perform:

Sunday, October 29, at 1:30 – MTNA Pullman & Moscow chapters recital at Simpson UMC in Pullman

Saturday, December 16, at 1:30 – PPLS Christmas recital at WSU

Sunday, February 11, at 1:30 – MTNA Pullman & Moscow chapters recital at University of Idaho in Moscow

Saturday, April 28 OR Sunday, April 29 – PPLS End-of-the-year recital at WSU

Sunday, May 5, at 1:30 – MTNA Pullman & Moscow chapters recital at WSU

## **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 Practice Tips webpage.

## **FALL SEMESTER CALENDAR**

Lesson Weeks

1. Aug 28 – Sept. 3
2. Sept. 4 – Sept. 10
3. Sept. 11 – Sept. 17
4. Sept. 18 – Sept. 24
5. Sept. 25 – Oct. 1
6. Oct. 2 – Oct. 8
7. Oct. 9 – Oct. 15
8. Oct. 16 – Oct. 22
9. Oct. 23 – Oct. 29
10. Oct. 30 – Nov. 5
11. Nov. 6 – Nov. 12
12. Nov. 13 – Nov. 19
13. Nov. 27 – Dec. 3
14. Dec. 4 – Dec. 10
15. Dec. 11 – Dec. 17

Thanksgiving break = November 20 – November 26 (no lessons!)

Saturday, December 16 = Christmas Recital

## **SPRING SEMESTER CALENDAR**

### Lesson Weeks

1. Jan. 8 – Jan. 14
2. Jan. 15 – Jan. 21
3. Jan. 22 – Jan. 28
4. Jan. 29 – Feb. 4
5. Feb. 5 – Feb. 11
6. Feb. 12 – Feb. 18
7. Feb. 19 – Feb. 25
8. Feb. 26 – Mar. 3
9. Mar. 4 – Mar. 10
10. Mar. 18 – Mar. 24
11. Mar. 25 – Mar. 31
12. Apr. 1 – Apr. 7
13. Apr. 8 – Apr. 14
14. Apr. 15 – Apr. 21
15. Apr. 22 – Apr. 28

Spring break = March 11 – March 17 (no lessons!)

Saturday, April 27 OR Sunday, April 28 = End-of-the-year Recital