

ja SMITH PERCUSSION STUDIO

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Contract

Where

It is preferred that lessons are conducted from my home in Lansing, as I own a five-octave marimba, snare drum, drum set, congas, bongos, and more; parents are always welcome to watch lessons. Another option would be to conduct lessons from a local public school. A final option is to conduct lessons from the student's home although it is not recommended, as we would not have access to all the necessary equipment (bell kits and snare drum pads are great for practicing but are not ideal for lessons).

Practicing and Preparation

Practicing is EXTREMELY important when developing musical skills. AT LEAST 30-45 minutes a day of efficient practicing is required of all my students in preparation for our meetings. Practice etiquette will be a focus during our lessons for the first few meetings. I reserve the right to terminate this contract in the case that the student fails to prepare lesson materials on a regular basis. Practice logs will be provided to students to ensure that this does not happen.

Rates and Payment

I charge \$35 for an hour-long lesson, and when traveling to a location other than my home I require extra funds to cover my time and travel expenses. 30-minute, 1.5-hour, 2-hour lessons, and group lessons are also available; rates for these options are negotiated on a case-by-case basis. Though it is recommended that lessons occur weekly, bi-weekly and one-time options are also offered; these are considered on a case-by-case basis as well. Payment is expected at the beginning of every lesson. Monthly payments and bi-weekly payments are also accepted. Failure to provide payment may result in the termination of this contract.

Scheduling and Cancellations

Lessons can be cancelled with at least a 24-hour notice. Any lesson cancelled without such notification must be paid for in full except in the case of an emergency. Rescheduling is always an option as long as the new time is convenient for both parties. Habitual cancellation of any kind may result in the termination of this contract.

Materials

The student is required to purchase any materials that have been recommended by the instructor; the instructor will not excessively require the purchase of materials. I require my beginning students to buy two method books (Garwood Whaley's *Fundamental Studies for Snare Drum*, Mitchell Peter's *Fundamental Method for Mallets*, and Sandy Feldstein's *Practical Theory Complete* - each about \$15), and a blank book of manuscript paper (\$5). I also require students to have a pair of concert snare drum sticks (\$10), yarn marimba mallets (\$18), a drum pad (\$20-30), and a metronome (\$10-20). I am happy to help find affordable, quality alternatives to name brand products.

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I/we have read and agree to the terms and conditions of the ja Smith Percussion Studio.

Student

Date

Parent/Guardian

Date

John A. Smith

Date