



# LESSON POLICY

**Rates:** Private lesson rates are as follows: **\$50**/half hour, **\$60**/45-minute, **\$70**/hour. Payment is due at lesson. Accepted payment options include cash, check, PayPal ([jesse.b.metzler@gmail.com](mailto:jesse.b.metzler@gmail.com)), or Venmo (@tubabonebone).

**Location:** My shared studio at 1 Main St, Burlington. Backup location is at my house, 26 Henry St, Burlington.

**Scheduling:** Lessons are scheduled for the same day and time each week. There is no fee for cancellation due to sickness, but in all other cases I need to be notified at least a day in advance. Rescheduling is most often not possible. Cancellation should not be a common occurrence.

**Expectations of the Student:** A well-prepared student always has a good lesson. All students should practice enough so that they feel prepared for each lesson. I expect every student to do their best in lessons and at home, regardless of how “good” they think they are. If that standard is upheld, progress is guaranteed. With all skills, the better you get, the more fun you have. This is especially true with music!

**Expectations of the Teacher:** I will advance the musicality of my students, using a multitude of pedagogical skills. Here are a few examples:

- Play a wide variety of repertoire, curated based on the student’s skill and interests
- Learn exercises to build tone and technique.
- Listen to recordings of exceptional players to build a *concept of sound*, and being able to excellently demonstrate any piece of music we work on.
- Build a knowledge of music theory and its application in practice, performance and understanding of a piece.
- Experiment with improvisation, and train the ear to hear and respond instinctively.

I will ensure a clean environment for lessons, and communicate promptly about necessary schedule changes.

I am available for questions from students or parents, and can be reached at [jesse.b.metzler@gmail.com](mailto:jesse.b.metzler@gmail.com) or **(617) 418-9510**.

