

Master's Hands String Studio

Private Instruction on violin, viola, 'cello, bass and piano- ranging in age and ability from young beginners to advanced levels. Blessed to have you a part of the family!



Lessons are weekly, 30, 45 or 60 minute lengths, depending on the needs of the student and teacher recommendation. School-Year term runs September through May. Summer Term runs mid-June through late August. Students are welcome to take lessons all year!

Breaks: All registered students/families will receive a calendar for the term marking all breaks. This calendar will also be posted in the studio as well as on the Studio website. Thank you for being attentive to the calendar so there aren't any confusions as to when the studio is in session.

Tuition is \$36 weekly for a 30-minute lesson, \$54 for a 45-minute lesson and \$72 for 60-minutes. Monthly tuition payments are due by the first scheduled lesson of the month. *Please note- tuition is due even if your musician is absent at that first lesson.* A late fee equal to half of the student's weekly tuition will be added in if payment is not received before the second lesson of the month. Please communicate any concerns or troubles with tuition and payments. MHSS accepts Venmo, cash and checks (made out to Monica Hahn). MHSS cannot yet accept credit cards or issue refunds. Thank you.



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Parking and Arrival: You are welcome to park in the street and walk up the flagstone path to the door. You can also drop off your musician in our driveway so they can use the sidewalk to walk in front of our garage and to the front door. As MHSS has a shared driveway with our neighbor to the north, please make sure you are not blocking the driveway. **Also, please do NOT use my other neighbor's separate driveway to park or drop-off.* Thank you. When you come to the door, no need to knock (Pip will go even more crazy!), please just come in at your lesson time (or a couple minutes early is great!). The door may be closed if the heat or AC is on, but you are expected and welcome! Come on in! Go ahead and quietly get settled in and ready for your lesson while I am finishing with your neighbor-lesson before you. As soon as that musician is finished, it's your turn! :)

Attendance: Your lesson time is reserved especially for you, please be prompt. If you are running late, that time is just lost. Thank you also for doing all you can to pick up on time so as to not interrupt the next lesson. Please let me know (text is great!) if you're running late. (952-446-6888) **Missed Lessons:** MHSS asks for at least 24-hours notice of a missed lesson. If notice of a missed lesson is given prior to the start of the month, tuition will be adjusted to reflect the expected attendance. At this time, MHSS is 100% booked. *Please understand that make-ups are not guaranteed as there is simply no time in the typical week.* With notice of 24 or more hours before the missed lesson, families will have access to the MHSS CODA Calendar, and will be able to search through any open lesson times. Please understand that due to extremely limited availability in the MHSS schedule; with less than 24hrs notice for a missed lesson, even for such a just reason as illness, the lesson will not be made up. Missed lessons without notice ("no-shows") will not be made up. Thank you for understanding.

Practice at Home: Yes, please. 😊 The only way to really progress toward your goals, and solidify the good habits and skills of a good musician is to practice regularly. Every student will leave their lesson with a personalized assignment to practice for the week. Notes on what was worked on during lesson, as well as the assignment and any tips to guide the at-home learning time will be available in each student's personalized lesson notebook. Please be sure this notebook is included with all the things that your musician needs at both lesson and at home for practice time. One of the first discussions that will happen between myself and each musician is to set an appropriate plan and goal for weekly practice.

Communication: The most commonly-used communication means between MHSS and my families is email. Please be sure I have the most accurate and regularly-checked email addresses for you on file, and that mass

messages are getting through any spam filters and such. Thanks! :) I have also found that for quick messages (running late, stuck in traffic on Highway 7, etc!), texting is great. My MHSS kids are also welcome to use text to reach me with any questions they may have throughout their week at home. My studio phone is 952-446-6888. Also, if you are active on FaceBook, Master's Hands String Studio does have a page where I post announcements, updates and other fun tidbits for the MHSS family. Please like & follow! Another place to look for resources and communications is the MHSS website. Please check that out if you haven't already! mastershandsstringstudio.org.

Weather Issues: As Master's Hands String Studio is within the Minnetonka District boundaries, I will typically follow that district's directives for winter weather. If school is ever canceled, released early, or an announcement is given that "all after-school activities are canceled", then lessons are canceled as well. I may also personally make the decision to close the studio if the weather is turning ugly. We will work together for make-ups, or other accommodations, in this situation. During the summer, severe weather is less predictable. Severe Weather warnings will be handled accordingly, I have a safe basement!! If you ever personally feel the weather conditions are unsafe for your driving either to or home from MHSS, or your child may be too distracted by severe weather, please let me know.

Other details:

*Thank you for coming in either at the beginning or end (or both!) of your musician's lesson for any 'parent-teacher' details that we should touch base on. Please know that it is usually best for your child to NOT have a "parental audience" for the whole lesson time however. Weather permitting, I have outdoor seating you are welcome to use. Many parents take advantage of the nearby playground, trails and the Mtka Library just down the road. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns on this. I will of course always make the environment the most comfortable for both musician and parent.

*Many families have multiple siblings (and even parents!) taking lessons. THANK YOU! :) As your kiddos are waiting through their sibling's lessons, thank you for monitoring (or discussing appropriate behavior during) their time in the waiting area. They cannot be distracting their sibling-musician. Students are more than welcome to borrow a book from the MHSS library, decorate my sidewalk with chalk, or any other silent activity while they wait.

*I have two friendly cats and one ridiculously cute & needy Pomeranian. The cats are not as visible, but they quickly learn that they do get attention from these new human brothers and sisters coming in every day. Pip (my Pom) is our frantic greeter who feels it is his primary purpose as studio assistant to let me know every time someone walks toward the door. He does this through incessant and very unmusical barking at a solid forte level. Please know that his biggest threat is licking and demanding your attention by bringing you every toy he owns; and he will calm down the barking as soon as you come in. He is just SO excited that you are here, he cannot contain it! Please let me know if you need accommodations due to fears or allergies.

*My studio is growing thanks to your recommendations and referrals!! Thank you for finding Master's Hands String Studio on socials like FaceBook & NextDoor, and leaving a review or just a heart. :) ***Also, if you refer a student who enrolls in lessons with MHSS, be sure they mention that when they fill out the contact info form, and I will credit your tuition for one free lesson the very next month!***

*I LOVE recital, performance and outreach opportunities for my students, and will work to arrange these whenever appropriate. Please note these dates on the MHSS calendar so you don't miss a performance! Typically, you can expect a performance opportunity at the end of each season (Dec, May, Aug). :)

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Thank you for being a part of the **Master's Hands String Studio** family! :)

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