

Harp Lesson Student Agreement and Terms

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Teaching Philosophy:

1. It should always be fun!
2. Each student has unique abilities--such a performing with a great stage presence, being a fast learner, having a beautiful tone quality, or being a great ensemble player. I will focus on each student's natural strengths, and continue to build on them while also improving upon any weak areas.
3. Hard work pays off! Natural playing ability is not as important as having a great attitude and a willingness to learn.

Lessons

S. Claremont St. San Mateo, CA. 94402. If you arrive early, please have a seat on the porch.

Please arrive/drop off student at his/her scheduled lesson time. **Parents, please remain premises in case of emergency.** If you are running late, lessons will not be extended. Please respect my home studio as you would your home and please stay in the studio area.

Sheet Music

Music books and supplemental materials will be recommended according to the level of the student and will be required to bring to each lesson. Also, a notebook and pencil is necessary for note-taking. For children under the age of 7, please have an adult to take notes during the lesson.

Lesson fees 2017

Lessons are 4x/month. Lessons are billed monthly and fees are due at the beginning of the month by the 5th. Invoices are sent electronically the 25th day of each month. Checks can be mailed to me at PO Box 2071, San Mateo, CA 94401. A late fee of \$50 will

be charged if fees are not paid by the 15th of the month unless cleared by me first.
Returned checks incur a \$50 fee.

30 min. lesson (studio) \$50.00

45 min. lesson (studio) \$70.00

60 min. lesson (studio) \$80.00

60 min. lesson (travel to student*) \$100.00

*Travel radius is five miles from PO BOX 2071 San Mateo, CA 94401.

*In-home lessons outside of five miles are not possible.

Students are expected to arrive at their lesson on time and be ready to go. ***Please trim nails before your lesson and wash your hands before you play the harp at home and at the studio.***

Practice time.

Students are expected to practice their warm-ups and repertoire every day. If you have a 30 minute lesson, plan on 30 minutes a day. A 45 minute lesson, plan on 45 minutes a day, etc. Practice time may be split up throughout the week. Remember, you get out of it what you put into it, so practice as much as possible! If the student does not practice at all, lessons may be discontinued!

Cancellation/no show.

The group class is a new way to make up a missed lesson. If you have to cancel for any reason, you may attend the group class at no additional charge. Classes are normally held on the last Sunday of the month. Refunds/credits will **not** be given for missed lessons. If you miss more than one lesson per month, you may accrue group class lessons. If I cancel any lessons, I will reschedule with you accordingly and try to come to your home for a makeup lesson. **Please note that as a performing musician, this may occur at the last minute (rarely), but I try and give as much notice as possible.**

Thank you and happy harping!

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