

Keys Piano Studio

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Welcome!

Welcome to the 2016-2017 Keys Piano Studio! Lessons for this season will begin the week of **Monday, August 8th, 2016**. To schedule lessons, please see the attached registration form. Please also look over the tuition rates and payment options below to pick a plan for the semester.

Tuition Rates

30 minutes: \$25 each

45 minutes: \$35 each

60 minutes: \$45 each

Music: All students are responsible for the payment of their music. In most cases, music will be purchased in advance for the student. Payment should be made at the time the music is received.

Festivals: Students who participate in local festivals and/or competitions will pay a registration fee upon enrollment.

Family Discounts: A \$5 family discount will be applied to the tuition rate for two or more family members from the same household.

Payments are decided by dividing the total payment for each semester into equal monthly payments. Tuition may be paid either monthly, which will be due at the first lesson of each month, or semesterly, which will be due at the first lesson of each semester. Cash and checks are accepted.

(Please make checks payable to Amanda Sacchitello.)

Payments made late will accrue \$5 for every week that they are late. **Bounced checks** will be assessed a \$20 fee.

Lesson and Make Up Policy

All students are expected to come to their lesson on time on the day of their scheduled lesson. Any student with more than four unexplained absences in a semester will be dropped and the time slot will be filled. Since lessons are scheduled back-to-back, students' lessons must still end at the scheduled time and any time missed will not be made up. If I have to cancel a lesson for any reason, or if I am given at least 24 hours notice of a student missing a lesson, a make up will be offered. Make up lessons will be scheduled during 2-3 weeks throughout the semester - see calendar for details. Please do not leave students unsupervised before or after their lesson times as I cannot watch them while I am teaching others. Please do not bring food or drink into lesson and be respectful of the church space.

Because we often write notes on their music to help them practice, students are required to bring their lesson books, assignment books, and any other music that we are working on to every lesson. I will no longer have extra books available.

Practice and Recitals

Playing piano is a skill that requires daily physical and mental practice. The amount of practice time appropriate for each student varies by the age and level of the student, but at least one hour of total practice each week makes a big difference. Practice time should be in an environment that is quiet and encourages the student to focus. Parents are expected to help young students set a routine practice schedule and adhere to it.

Recitals are scheduled at the end of the Fall and Spring semesters. All students are expected and encouraged to participate in each recital and perform memorized music. These performances offer an opportunity for students to set goals throughout the semester and perform the finishing product for family and friends.

About Me

Amanda Sacchitello received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music, Latin, and Classical Culture from the University of Georgia in 2009. In 2011, she received a Masters of Music Performance degree with a focus on Piano Pedagogy from the University of Georgia. Amanda has been teaching independently since 2008. She was president of the UGA Collegiate Music Teachers National Association Chapter 2009-2011, and is a member of the Music Teachers National Association, Georgia Music Teachers Association, and Athens Music Teachers Association. In 2010, Amanda founded K.E.Y.S., a music camp

offering music and piano experience for young students. In addition to teaching, Amanda has collaboratively performed in Georgia, New York, and Missouri!