

Studio Policy For McDaniel Music Studios

Regarding makeup and missed lessons:

Students are required to give 24 hour notice if unable to attend scheduled lessons. Failure to provide 24 hour notice will result in no makeup lesson and no refund for missed scheduled lesson. Exceptions will be for emergencies only, such as death in the family, family emergencies, or medical emergencies. The Studio has a system in place that allows students to choose makeup dates. Studio assistant and McDaniel Music Studios Practice Coach, Mara Johnson, will send that link to all students who need a makeup date. It is the students responsibility to choose the desired date and time, as well as clearly communicating with Mara regarding the desired date. She will be responsible for scheduling the student AFTER the student has communicated effectively their desired makeup date. This system will also apply should Crystal have to reschedule a lesson due to illness or family emergency. Crystal or Mara will communicate as soon as possible if the scheduled lesson has to be rescheduled.

If a student misses three consecutive lessons and fails to communicate with the studio, the student will be considered "dropped."

Regarding extra lessons:

Should a student request extra lesson times due to upcoming performances or personal circumstances it is necessary that we charge extra for that time. If extra lessons are needed, it is the student's responsibility to discuss the price per hour with Crystal. It will be quoted individually according to the need.

Regarding lesson and practice:

Students are required to record each lesson with Crystal. This is for the students personal reference when practicing and reviewing.

Students are required to submit four UNLISTED youtube videos of the students individual practice, a minimum time limit of 30 minutes for each video. **Videos should be uploaded as unlisted.** These videos should be uploaded and submitted via email to Crystal the same day they are recorded so that she is able to review and give feedback in a timely manner. If students have ANY issues or conflicts then it is their responsibility to communicate as soon as possible! Failure to submit these videos before the scheduled lesson will result in no lesson for the week and no refund of the lesson. Students will receive constructive feedback for the practice videos.

Students are also required to schedule a practice session once a week with Studio Assistant and McDaniel Music Studios Practice Coach, Mara Johnson. It is the students responsibility to clearly communicate with Mara Johnson regarding scheduling of practice sessions. Students will be able to contact Mara Johnson via text message or through the Student Studio Discord. Failure to do so will result in no lesson for the week and no refund of the scheduled lesson. Additionally, students are required to give Mara 24 hours notice if they need to reschedule their practice session.

Students are highly encouraged to participate and interact with the Studios social media pages as well as the Student Discord.. This is important for every student in order to grow their network and personal platform. Choosing not to participate if you are on the social media platform, the Studio considers this a direct reflection on your commitment to practice and growing your networks.

Regarding Tuition and Fees:

Tuition covers a four week month. If the month has a fifth week, it is included in the monthly tuition. This benefits the student in order to cover holidays and vacations that Crystal, head voice instructor, periodically takes throughout the year. This makes it so that there are four **free** lessons built in per year.

*Whether you pay monthly or by the lesson, an invoice will be sent to you prior to the lesson. If you pay monthly, an invoice will be sent prior to your first lesson of the month. **NO LESSON WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL THE INVOICE IS PAID.***

Regarding Studio Workshops:

The Studio holds four workshops a year resulting in a trip to NYC for an opportunity to participate in a masterclass with world renowned vocal teacher Neil Semer. Studio Workshops will consist of two 1 day workshops and two 3 day weekend workshops.

In order to participate in the NYC trip students must attend three out of the four Studio workshops. Additionally, in order to participate in the North Carolina NATS competition (Classical and Music Theater) students must attend three out of the four Studio workshops. Students will receive an ample amount of notice regarding dates and costs of each workshop.

These workshops are important for students' growth as well as creating high quality performance opportunities and important connections within the music community.

Workshops 2023

1. Day Workshop #1: Dr Nancy Walker, (Former head of Voice Dept UNC Greensboro)
Will lead our day workshop on Saturday, February 4th 2023. Hours are 9am-5pm with a performance to follow at the end of the day workshop. Cost is \$125.00 for the workshop.
2. Weekend Workshop #2: Tony award winning Baritone, Eugene Brancoveanu and CEO and Owner of McDaniel Music Studios, Crystal McDaniel will be leading our weekend workshop, Friday-Sunday, March 31-April 2, 2023. Hours are TBA with a performance opportunity on April 2nd. Cost is \$500.00.
3. Day Workshop #3: TBA
4. Weekend Workshop #4: TBA
5. Studio NYC trip: Students who have actively participated in three out of the four scheduled studio workshops will have the opportunity to go on a trip to NYC with the studio. Students will have an opportunity to participate in a masterclass with World renowned Vocal teacher, Neil Semer. Cost and time are TBA. This is based on travel costs as well as Neil Semer's availability.