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Student Expectations & Responsibilities

LESSON REQUIREMENTS

Student should bring to each lesson:

- Oboe
- 2-3 good reeds
- Sheet Music for upcoming performances, auditions, etc. and Barrett Oboe Method (see below)
- Spiral Notebook - In this book, we will record special exercises, alternate fingerings, phrasing ideas, assignments for the next week, etc.

PRACTICING

Students should practice oboe no less than five days a week for at least 30 minutes a day. It needs to have a priority similar to homework in order for students to progress.

MUSIC

Please purchase the Boosey & Hawkes edition of the Barrett Oboe Method. It is available from Amazon for \$30, or it is free and printable on IMSLP. It is generally worth investing in your own books and sheet music, rather than using photocopies.

www.imslp.org

Also purchase a daily scale book for the oboe, such as Whitney Tustin's "Daily Scales for Oboe" available from Midwest Musical Imports for \$28.

LOCATION

Lessons are held at the Yale School of Music. Room location is subject to change. Please check your messages the day before the scheduled lesson in case of a new location.

COMMUNICATION

You may text, call, voicemail, or email me. I do not keep my phone on during rehearsals, concerts, or class, but I am prompt with returning calls and responding to emails.

RATES

\$40 for a 30 minute lesson

\$60 for a 60 minute lesson.

This includes time spent on bookkeeping and scheduling. Please try to do administrative planning in advance through email or telephone.

PAYMENTS

Payments are due at the first lesson of each month for the full month, typically 3, 4 or 5 weeks. Missed weeks for holidays can be rescheduled or skipped. Extra lessons can be added for special performances. Try to discuss this before the first lesson of the month.

30 Minute Lessons 60 Minute Lessons

3 Weeks : \$120 Month 3 Weeks : \$180 Month

4 Weeks : \$160 Month 4 Weeks : \$240 Month

5 Weeks : \$200 Month 5 Weeks : \$300 Month

RESCHEDULING

Scheduling conflicts should be disclosed as early as possible. If the student needs to cancel or reschedule, a minimum of 48 hours notice must be given to avoid paying for the missed lesson. An excused absence will be replaced with a makeup lesson if scheduling allows it, or with a credit for the following month.

REEDS

There are a number of professional reedmakers that can supply you with quality hand-made oboe reeds. Students are encouraged to try various sources.

Oboe Studio Finished Reeds are \$28 each. Blank Reeds for students to practice reed-making are \$16. Students are encouraged to keep the staples (cork tubes) at the end of the reed's life for future reed-making purposes. Returned staples will yield a \$2 discount off their next reed purchase at Oboe Studio.