

Karen Hunter Piano Studio 2020-2021
MUSIC!—In Times Like These
Parent Agreement*

Check the boxes to indicate that you recognize your role as a piano parent and are willing to support your child in this piano journey.

- I understand that piano lessons play a vital role in providing my child with a sense of normalcy and, quite possibly, healing during this unprecedented time.
- I understand that I play a key role in whether or not my child succeeds at the piano. I am aware that only through faithful practice will my child succeed.
- To that end, I will help my child create a practice habit by scheduling a consistent, daily practice time and I will encourage my child to stick to it.
- I am aware that **Karen Hunter Piano Studio** has a policy of no makeup lessons. Lessons my child misses will not be made up. Sick (contagious) students who feel well enough are encouraged to take virtual lessons.
- I understand that my child is committing to an entire year of piano lessons (September through May). Should my child drop piano mid-semester or mid-year, I understand that no refunds will be granted.
- I understand that it is entirely my decision whether my child participates in in-person, online, or a combination of online and in-person lessons. However, if safer-at-home is again mandated, all lessons will automatically revert to online.
- I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19. Therefore, I will monitor my child's health and refrain from sending my symptomatic child to in-person lessons. I understand that virtual lessons are mandatory if my child or another family member has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- I have read Karen Hunter's **Studio Policies** and understand the safety precautions that are in place (masks, social distancing, frequent sanitizing, students only in-studio) to prevent the spread of COVID-19. I also understand that if my child contracts COVID-19, I will not hold Karen Hunter responsible. I release Karen Hunter from any liability or claim.
- I will complete the parent log on the front of my child's piano folder every week. I understand that I may not need to sit with my child every time he/she practices, but I should be aware of the frequency and quality of his/her practice and observe whether he/she is using the sand timer as instructed.
- I understand that a group lesson has been scheduled for **April 19-22, 2021**. I understand that private piano lessons are not taught the weeks group lessons are scheduled.
- I am aware that a **recital** has been scheduled for **Sunday, April 25, at Oakwood Village Auditorium**. I understand that, due to the pandemic, the recital may not take place in person but may need to be virtual.

(Select one.)

- My child **will be** participating in an in-person or virtual recital. Please have recital piece options available.
- My child **will not be** participating in a recital, in-person or virtual. No need to select recital piece options.



Parent Signature* _____

Date _____

*This signed form must accompany your child to his/her first piano lesson in the fall of 2020.

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Check the boxes to indicate that you recognize your responsibilities as a piano student.

- I will **PRACTICE**.
Practice = progress. Little practice = little progress. No practice = no progress.
- I understand that Mrs. Hunter recommends a minimum of **FIVE** practices per week. Five mindful short practices are better than one long day of mindless practice repetitions. Mrs. Hunter suggests **10-15 minutes per day** of focused practice for **younger students** and **30-45 minutes per day** of focused practice for **older students**.
- I will use the **Weekly Practice Calendar** to determine the best days and times for my practices and then make it a priority to practice at that time on those days.
- I understand that mindful practice is often **SLOW** and involves **REPETITION** of small and very specific sections of pieces. **I will use the 3-minute sand timer at every practice** to learn small sections of music that Mrs. Hunter assigns.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to **mark a sand timer** on my weekly assignment sheet each time I spend three minutes practicing the specific sections of music Mrs. Hunter assigns.
- I will open my piano folder to the current assignment sheet to ensure that I'm practicing what Mrs. Hunter has assigned.
- I will practice **ALL** of my assigned pieces every day, not just the ones I like.
- I will prepare faithfully for the recital, if participating.
- I will bring my mesh bag of piano lesson supplies to every in-person lesson OR have the mesh bag handy for virtual lessons. I will only use the materials in the mesh bag for piano lessons so they are readily available at lesson time and to avoid the sharing of supplies in a COVID-19 year.
- I will sanitize my hands before entering and when leaving the piano room.
- I will wait outside the piano room until instructed to enter so no unrelated students are in the piano room at the same time.
- I will let Mrs. Hunter know if I am not feeling well before my in-person lesson begins.
- I will wear my face mask for the duration of every piano lesson.
- I will arrive at my piano lessons with my theory work complete and done in **pencil**.
- I will arrive at my piano lessons with an enthusiastic, ready-to-work-hard attitude, recognizing that piano lessons are **a gift for life**—and a gift that not every child is privileged to receive.

Student Signature* _____

Date _____

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