

## **Rhythm & Russo Terms & Conditions fall of 2024 through summer of 2025**

Hello Parents!

Welcome to Rhythm and Russo...

Congratulations for taking the first step of a wonderful journey. A journey that will see your child fall in love with making music, while learning valuable life skills.

This year marks nearly 30 years teaching piano! Over the last nearly 30 years of being a professional piano teacher, I've developed a unique approach to teaching, which takes the three pillars of being a great pianist and musician...

- 1) Music Reading & Comprehension
- 2) Proper Technique
- 3) Music Theory

... And combines them with essential personal development in a multitude of areas including...

- 1) Self-Discipline
- 2) Perseverance
- 3) Relaxation
- 4) Communication
- 5) Patience

My belief is that by learning the piano, your child should not only be able to play beautiful music, but also should be able to cope with challenging situations in all walks of life.

If you haven't done so already, please go ahead and 'Like' my Facebook page to be kept up to date with my latest teaching:

[www.facebook.com/RhythmandRusso](http://www.facebook.com/RhythmandRusso)

Also, please take a moment to write a short review of Rhythm and Russo on Google. I hope you find everything to exceed your expectations and deserve a 5 star review. Either do a quick search for Rhythm and Russo on Google or follow this link:

<https://goo.gl/maps/FRwBTRbKTR4RmmSs8>

Thank you!

Below is a brief yet thorough description of how I run my piano teaching business.

Please take some time to become familiar with these terms and conditions. I do find that parents who get to know the way I work, take more from the experience and see better results for their child.

When you've read and absorbed the information, simply sign on the line at the end of the document and bring the signed copy to your next lesson. We can then go through any questions you may have.

### **Section 1: Lesson Schedule and Tuition:**

**1a)** Lessons are once a week at my home studio, year round.

**1b)** The parent/student can choose to take a 30min, 45min, or 60min lesson. Once this has been decided, it will be the same duration each week until further notice.

**1c)** The parent/student may choose to change to any other lesson duration at any time throughout the year, with four weeks' notice.

**1d)** All rates are fixed and calculated per semester of tuition and are subject to change over time. Written or verbal notice will be given if they change. Please see tables below for full, current details.

Based On **1 x 30min** Lesson Per Week:

Semester	Dates	Full Tuition	Monthly Installment
Fall 2024	Sept 3rd - Dec 20th	\$860.00	\$215.00
Spring 2025	Jan 6th - May 23th	\$1075.00	\$215.00
Summer 2025	June 2nd - August 22nd	\$645.00	\$215.00

Based On **1 x 45min** Lesson Per Week:

Semester	Dates	Full Tuition	Monthly Installment
Fall 2024	Sept 3rd - Dec 20th	\$1,220.00	\$305.00

Spring 2025	Jan 6th - May 23th	\$1,525.00	\$305.00
Summer 2025	June 2nd - August 22nd	\$915.00	\$305.00

Based On **1 x 60min** Lesson Per Week:

Semester	Dates	Full Tuition	Monthly Installment
Fall 2024	Sept 3rd - Dec 20th	\$1,600.00	\$400.00
Spring 2025	Jan 6th - May 23th	\$2,000.00	\$400.00
Summer 2025	June 2nd - August 22nd	\$1,200.00	\$400.00

## Section 2: Tuition installments:

**2a)** Tuition, whether paid in full per semester or in monthly installments, are to be made in cash, Zelle (to [rhythmandrusso@gmail.com](mailto:rhythmandrusso@gmail.com)), or card payment (there is a small additional charge for card and PayPal payments).

**2b)** All monthly installments are due on or before the final lesson of the previous month. For example if your child is seeing me for a 30min lesson each week, your monthly payment for September 2023 will be \$215.00 and this will be due on or before the final lesson of August 2023. Please bear in mind that the final lesson of the month may not occur during the final week of the month. For example if there is a holiday or any other form of planned absence.

**2c)** If the monthly installment is not made on or before the final lesson of the previous month as outlined in part 2b, and a good reason for this is NOT offered, a \$20.00 late fee may be added to the month's total.

**2d)** If the monthly installment is not made on or before the final lesson of the previous month as outlined in part 2b, and a good reason for this IS offered, I am happy to extend the deadline with no late fee.

## Section 3: Cancellations:

**3a)** If a lesson is cancelled with at least 48 hours' notice, I am happy to offer a make-up lesson to take place within a week of the cancelled lesson. Please note, this is

instead of offering a refund for the cancelled lesson and subject to available time slots. If there are no available time slots the lesson is forfeited.

**3b)** If a lesson is cancelled with less than 48 hours' notice, and a good reason for this is NOT given, there will be no refund OR make-up lesson offered.

**3c)** If a lesson is cancelled with less than 48 hours' notice, and a good reason for this IS given, a make-up lesson will be offered to take place within a week the of the lesson cancelled. Please note, this is instead of offering a refund for the cancelled lesson and subject to available time slots. If there are no available time slots the lesson is forfeited.

**3d)** Good reasons for cancelling a lesson with less than 48 hours noticed include sickness, family emergency etc. Each case will be judged on its own merits and the make-up decision will be at my discretion.

**3e)** If a lesson is cancelled with 48 hours' notice, and in the unlikely event a make-up lesson is not possible that week due to scheduling issues, the cancelled lesson will be forfeited and no refund will be offered. Likewise, if a make-up lesson is scheduled and then later cancelled, the make-up lesson is forfeited and no refund will be offered.

- Please note all make-up lessons, for any reason, are subject to availability and are not guaranteed.

Important dates:

Spring Recital – Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> (date may change, time tba)

Summer Recital – TBA (very likely Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> or Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> )

Observed holidays during semesters and other dates with no lessons:

Fall Break 2024 - tba

Thanksgiving 2024 – November 25<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>

Martin Luther King Junior – Monday January 20<sup>th</sup> 2025

President's Day – Monday February 17<sup>th</sup> 2025

Spring break – March 17<sup>th</sup> through March 21<sup>st</sup> 2025 (these dates may change)

Memorial Day – Monday May 26<sup>th</sup> 2025

June 30<sup>th</sup> - July 6<sup>th</sup> in observance of independence day 2025

#### **Section 4: The Summer Semester:**

**4a)** During the summer semester (defined as June 2<sup>nd</sup> - August 22<sup>nd</sup>), tuition will continue the same as the rest of the year. However, if you have plans to travel we'll

accommodate the tuition to ensure you only pay for the lessons you have during this time (I appreciate that you may have plans to get out of the heat for a week or two, trust me I plan to do the same!)

**4b)** Lessons scheduled for each of the three summer semester months will be agreed upon on or before the 20th of the previous month, in order to give us time to calculate and arrange the tuition. For example if you are travelling for a week in August and can therefore only commit to three lessons during that month, we will confirm the dates and tuition for these lessons, on or before the 20th of July.

**4c)** Please see tables below for all summer semester pay-as-you-go rates. Please note these rates are for summer only.

Duration	Rate
30min	\$54
45min	\$77
60min	\$100

**Additional Notes:**

It is important that lessons continue during the summer semester as this is when your child will have less to focus on elsewhere (i.e. at school) and will therefore be more focused on making solid progress with piano playing. I have found that the students who commit to summer semester lessons see much greater results over the course of the full year.

I understand that it can be a tricky time of year, but it can also prove to be highly productive so I encourage you to consider an active summer lesson schedule!

Let's work together to make sure the learning and development continues during the summer for your child.

**Contact Details:**

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me using any of the details below.

Cell phone: (407) 595-5687

Email: [Richie.a.russo@gmail.com](mailto:Richie.a.russo@gmail.com).

Thank you once again for taking the time to read this document. Please remember to sign below and bring the signed copy with you to your next lesson.

I'm very excited to continue working with you and your child as they continue their journey to becoming a fine musician!

PS. I also offer a referral program! If you refer a new student to Rhythm and Russo I'll credit that equals 15% of a monthly installment and apply that to either your next monthly installment or semester tuition after the new student completes a full month of lessons!

PPS. Starting lessons implies the understanding and agreement of these terms and conditions.

Warmly,

Richie Russo

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I have read and understood the terms and conditions listed above.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_