

## *Emily Raasch Voice and Piano Studio*

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*Policy Statement/Contractual Agreement*

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I hold a Bachelor of Music in Voice from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln School of Music, May 1996. My expertise includes Art Song, Opera, Music Theater, Jazz, Sacred Solo Song, and Pop/Contemporary. I have been teaching private voice and piano for 27 years.

**PHILOSOPHY:** I believe that the study of music encourages well-rounded development. Private voice and piano lessons should foster in each student a joy of learning, an enthusiasm for growth, and an increased level of creativity. Each student has something unique to offer. My purpose is to aid each of my students in developing the confidence needed to communicate effectively through the art of voice/piano. This confidence can be found through consistent study and application of proper vocal/keyboard technique, daily exercise of the voice, and/or piano skills and regular performance experiences.

**OVERVIEW:** I offer instruction to students of all ages and experience levels. Instruction consists of weekly private lessons, each 30, 45, or 60 minutes in length. I also offer a drop-in rate for those who desire only occasional instruction. **Group Classes** will be held **in place of** individual lessons a few times throughout the year. These classes are 60-120 minutes in length, and will be held in my home or at a convenient local space at a date and time that works for the majority of students. Group classes give students the opportunity to sing for each other and to build rapport with their peers in the studio. I also offer a weekly group music theater workshop.

A **Studio Recital** will be held on an afternoon/evening in the spring. Please inform me of any known conflicts; I don't want anyone to miss this special event. An exact date, time, and location for recital will be announced as soon as possible. \*Students will be notified as other performance or audition opportunities arise.

**TEACHER'S ROLE:** My responsibilities include providing appropriate material for growth at each lesson, being prompt and prepared at lesson time, and guiding each student to weekly improvement.

**STUDENT'S ROLE:** The student is responsible for preparation of lesson material through regular study and practice. I expect students to recognize their lesson time as a time to focus on vocal/piano study. Students and

parents must be committed to the prompt and consistent attendance of scheduled lessons and events. It is also vital that studio members read and save letters of information that I send out regarding lessons, recitals, etc. You are responsible for that information. **Students are responsible for purchasing music as needed.**

**SNOW POLICY: I *am* available for lessons on snow days. If you cannot safely make it to my home, please call and cancel. A make-up is not guaranteed, but I will try to work you in as I am able to do so. Please remind me if you want to schedule a make-up lesson.**

**TUITION:** \$100/mo for 30 min weekly lessons  
\$150/mo for 45 min weekly lessons  
\$200/mo for a 60 minute weekly lessons  
\$70/hour Drop-in rate  
Theatre Workshop: \$50/mo for current students;  
\$75/mo for non-students

***Payment is due at the first lesson of every month or in two semester installments.***

A \$5.00 late fee will be applied for each week payment is past due. If you miss your first lesson of the month for any reason, please mail tuition promptly to avoid late fees. I do not send out bills routinely, but I would be happy to do so for those that request it.

***\*SAVINGS OPPORTUNITY: You may choose to pay a semester in advance (September-February/March-August) and apply a 5% discount to your total.\* First Semester payment is due August 30. Second Semester is due February 28. Semester payments are non-refundable.***

**I request 30 days-notice if you plan to discontinue lessons for any reason.** Please do not hesitate to discuss any issues you might have regarding our time together and this contract.

**MAKE-UPS:** Make-up lessons will be offered only if I am given ***at least*** 48 hours-notice, or if I cancel for any reason. Illness or family emergencies are exceptions to this rule and will be handled on a case by case basis.

**THE STUDIO IS CLOSED DURING THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAY BREAKS:**

**Labor Day, Sep 4, 2023**  
**Thanksgiving, Nov 22-24, 2023**  
**Christmas, Dec 25, 2023 - Jan 6, 2024**  
**Spring Break, April 1-5, 2024**  
**Memorial Day, May 27, 2024**  
**Fourth of July, July 4, 2024**  
**Two weeks at any point during the year, TBA**

***The above dates are paid holidays, for which make-ups will not be given.***  
*This policy is meant to be a "Good Faith" agreement, depending upon mutual respect and integrity*

*between student, teacher, and responsible guardians. Please do your best to adhere to it as such in order to foster a positive studio experience.  
Sign below to illustrate your understanding of and your agreement with the above policy:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Parent or Guardian)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Student)**

## **Photo Release Form**

**Emily Raasch Voice and Piano Studio has my permission to use my or my child's photograph or video image publically. These images may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. I understand that no royalty, fee, or compensation will become payable to me by reason of such use.**

**Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Parent/Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**I do NOT give permission for my or my child's photograph or video image to be used by Emily Raasch Voice and Piano Studio.**

**Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Parent/Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_**