

Kate's Piano Studio: **YouTube Video Permission**

*Please fill this out even if you DO NOT give permission so that I have a record of it.
You may print this double-sided with the first page of the Studio Policies if you wish.
If you have already filled this form out, you do not have to do it again.*

I **DO / DO NOT** (circle one) give permission for Kate LaRocque to upload video footage to the YouTube channel "Kate's Piano Studio" of the student(s) _____ performing on the piano. Permission is given for videos that have been recorded during the period that the student is taking lessons at Kate's Piano Studio in Lethbridge, Alberta. The student's first name and the name of the piece they are performing will be included in the title with no other identifying information.

I wish for these videos to be shared (please check one):

_____ Publicly (anyone can view them)

_____ Unlisted (only those with the link can view them)

Parent/guardian signature: _____
(or student signature, if 18 years of age or older)

Print parent/guardian name: _____

Date: _____

* If, at any point, you wish for a video to be removed from YouTube or have the privacy settings changed, please email your request to kate@katespianostudio.ca and your request will be honoured as soon as possible.

Kate's Piano Studio: 2016-2017 Studio Policies & Important Information

Please initial each section, sign/date at the end, and return THIS page to the teacher at the first lesson. By signing this agreement, you agree to respect and abide by the studio policies.

_____ **At the Studio** | If students arrive early, they may wait quietly on the bench at the bottom of the stairs. **Students must wash their hands** before touching the piano.

_____ **Footwear** | Students who are using the pedals must have clean indoor shoes or hard-soled slippers, while all others may wear clean socks. **Bare feet are not permitted.**

_____ **Materials** | A sturdy bag to carry books is recommended. The teacher will email the parent the names of the books to purchase, which will include an **FJH Student Assignment Book** and lesson/theory books. You will also need a **½" or 1" binder** for loose worksheets and sheet music. If you have an iPod/tablet, please bring it! **Parents should check the student's notebook at the end of each lesson.**

_____ **Your Piano** | Students will benefit from practising on a well-maintained acoustic piano. If you do not have an acoustic piano, a digital piano with touch sensitive and weighted keys is acceptable. Do not start lessons without touch sensitive and weighted keys.

_____ **Parent Participation** | Parents are encouraged to be supportive and active participants in practice at home. Parents who wish to attend or observe lessons should notify the teacher at least 24 hours in advance and should not disrupt the lesson. To discuss student progress, parents are welcome to talk with the teacher during the first five minutes of the student's lesson — but not afterwards, in order to respect the next student's time slot.

_____ **Guests/Siblings** | It is not appropriate for students to bring friends to lessons. Relatives may wait on the bench for a student, but no more than one *child* at a time. As a rule, the fewer people waiting during a lesson, the better, and **talking should be kept to a minimum while waiting.**

_____ **Injured/unprepared students** | Students with injuries should still attend lessons – theory, ear training, and sight reading may be done instead of playing piano. Unprepared students should also attend – this can give the teacher an opportunity to observe their practice or help them to practise.

_____ **Swapping Lessons** | In the event of your foreseen absence, you may go to <http://katespianostudio.ca/swap> (username: katespianostudio, password: 338kate) to swap lessons with another student. Your contact information will be provided to other students on an unlisted, password protected section of katespianostudio.ca. Please check one of the following options:

_____ I DO wish to participate in lesson swapping with the following email address and/or phone number: _____

_____ I DO NOT wish to participate in lesson swapping. I understand that **I may not get to reschedule missed lessons.**

_____ **Missed Lessons** | There will be no reimbursement for missed lessons. This includes illness, lateness, forgetting your lesson, extended vacations, school functions, etc. If the teacher is ill or away, she is responsible to make up lessons at a mutually convenient time. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO A LESSON IF S/HE IS SICK.** Notice given the morning of the illness will allow teacher to do her best to reschedule the lesson.

_____ **Discontinuing Lessons** | If a student and/or parent should decide to terminate lessons at any given time during the year, the studio requires a one month written notice in person or via email. Reimbursement for the remainder of the semester will be based on the date of the notice given.

Student Name(s)

Parent Signature (or student, if over 18)

Date

Kate's Piano Studio: **Important Information** (you do not need to return this page to Kate)

Tuition and Payment | There are two 5-month semesters, each with 17 lessons, a group class, a Parent-Teacher Interview/Report Card meeting, and a recital. Payment will be made for each semester in one of two ways: one full payment for the semester (cash, cheque, or Interac Email Money Transfer), or five monthly post-dated cheques (for the 1st of each month), **due at the first lesson in September and February. Please make cheques out to Kathleen LaRocque.** Lessons are \$80/month or \$400/semester for 30 minutes, \$120/month or \$600/semester for 45 minutes, and \$160/month or \$800/semester for 60 minutes. Receipts are available upon request. The teacher reserves the right to raise fees at the beginning of each new academic year.

Practice | **Students are expected to practise daily**, and are asked to keep a practice record in their FJH Student Assignment Books. Parents are asked to sign the books weekly. Recommended practice lengths:

- Beginners/first year students: 15-30 minutes/day.
- Third year students (or those in grades 1-3 RCM): 45-60 minutes/day.
- Intermediate students (grades 4-6): 60 minutes/day.
- Advanced students (grade 7 RCM and up): 90 minutes/day or as much as possible.

Recitals | Students are strongly encouraged to participate in recitals because **students need to practise performing.** Kate's Piano Studio will hold one recital each semester (at the Lethbridge Public Library). The Lethbridge Registered Music Teachers Association (LRMTA) holds a number of other recitals throughout the year in which interested students may participate.

Group Classes | These are an opportunity for students to perform in a small group (5 or fewer) of peers, meet other students, and learn about things we don't have time to cover in private lessons.

Parent Teacher Interviews/Report Cards | These will give the parent or adult student an opportunity to discuss the student's progress with the teacher, including areas where they are excelling or lagging.

Parking | Parking is available on the street along the perimeter of my house. Whenever possible, please avoid parking in front of my neighbours' homes.

Contacting the Teacher | The best way to contact the teacher is via email, which will be returned with an email reply or phone call. Phone calls and text messages are also welcome from parents or students.

CALENDAR (also available at katespianostudio.ca/calendar) | **This schedule is subject to change.**

Tuesday, September 6	Semester 1 starts
Tuesday, September 13 – Friday, September 16	NO LESSONS
Monday, October 10	NO LESSONS (Thanksgiving)
Tuesday, November 8 – Friday, November 11	NO LESSONS
Tuesday, November 8 – Thursday, November 10	Group Classes
Saturday, December 17 at 1:00 PM	Christmas Recital
Monday, December 26 – Tuesday, January 17	NO LESSONS (Christmas Break)
Monday, January 9	Kiwanis Festival Entry Deadline
<u>Friday, January 20 – Sunday, January 22</u>	<u>PTIs/Report Cards</u>
Wednesday, February 1	Semester 2 starts
Monday, February 20 – Friday, February 24	NO LESSONS (Reading Break)
Wednesday, March 1 – Friday, March 3	NO LESSONS
Monday, March 27 – Thursday, March 30	Group classes (NO REGULAR LESSONS)
Monday, March 27 – Saturday, April 8	Kiwanis Festival of the Arts
Friday, April 14 – Friday, April 21	NO LESSONS
Monday, May 22 – Friday, May 26	NO LESSONS
Tuesday, May 23 – Friday, May 26	Piano Class Festival & PTIs/Report Cards
Saturday, June 17 at 1:00 PM	Year End Recital
Friday, June 30	Last day of lessons