

Dr. Nyle Sexton offers private instruction in:

- Guitar
- Electric Bass
- Upright Bass (Double Bass)
- Violin
- Viola
- Cello
- Music Theory (Lessons & Tutoring)



### **About Private Lessons**

Private lessons are a short time of intensive instruction. The purpose of lessons is to help the student learn what to work on and how to approach their subject with intentionality in order to achieve greater success. Lessons are either 30 or 60 minutes and are held at Dr. Sexton's home in Clear Lake.

Lesson costs:

- 30 minutes: \$30
- 60 minutes: \$60

### **Payments**

Payment in full is due in advance at the first lesson of the month. If a student misses a lesson:

- We will do our best to reschedule as close to the lesson date as possible.
- If a lesson is missed, refunds or applying payments to future lessons is not possible.
- Given enough advanced notice, lessons are typically easy to reschedule.

In order to maintain an enjoyable, productive partnership between instructor, student and parents, I have established the following expectations:

### **Student Expectations**

1. Practice. Lessons are most beneficial and enjoyable when students practice and make progress in their work.
2. Develop a daily schedule for practice. A minimum of 30 minutes per day, five days per week of quality practice is a good guideline. You will make progress and enjoy playing based on how well you practice, not how long you practice.
3. Prepare for your lesson by working through your assignments to the best of your ability. Good musicians must practice regularly in order to be successful.
4. Students will maintain a practice journal that they need to bring to their lesson each week. Students also need to bring their instrument, method books/materials and a pencil to every lesson.



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## **Parent Expectations**

1. Please ensure that your student always has the proper supplies and a correctly sized instrument in good playing condition.
2. Create a practice area in the home that will be comfortable, quiet, have adequate lighting and a computer.
3. Ask your student regularly to demonstrate what they are learning. Ask them about areas where they are succeeding and where they are struggling. Be a consistent audience and praise and encourage your student's success regularly! Know what's going on even if you do not understand the content of their lessons.
4. Parents are encouraged to attend lessons any time, and please ensure you attend at least one lesson every month. This will help us keep in touch with your student's progress/struggles and help you reinforce at home what and how I am teaching at your student's lesson.
5. Parents must pick students up on time unless other arrangements have been made. I operate on a very time sensitive schedule and lessons will always end on time. After dropping your student off, you are welcome to come inside or wait in your car. Please do not leave to run errands, etc. during your student's lesson. This is a liability issue that is not negotiable.
6. If your student will be absent for any reason, please give as much advance notice as possible.

## **About Dr. Nyle Sexton**

- Bachelor of Music Education, Ohio State University (1994), with a specialization in string orchestra education. Primary instrument is Double Bass (Upright Bass).
- Master of Worship Studies (2004), The Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies.
- Doctor of Worship Studies (2007), The Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies.

## **Experience in Higher Education**

- 2008-14: Indiana Wesleyan University, Indianapolis, Indiana Adjunct Professor of Fine Arts.
- 2011-12: Houston Graduate School of Theology, Houston Texas. Adjunct Associate Professor of Christian Worship.

## **Experience in K-12 Public & Private Schools and with Homeschool**

- 14 Years of experience as a string orchestra director
- 4 years as the founder & director of the MWAA Homeschool Orchestra
- 11 years as a church worship band leader & church choir director
- 7 years as a general music teacher
- 6 years teaching classroom guitar
- 5 years as a school band director
- 4 years as a choir teacher

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