

## **Ward Williams's Private Lesson Policies and Rates**

### **What to expect from lessons with Ward:**

I have over 3 decades of professional performing and teaching experience. A graduate of UNCSA (Bachelors of Music, Cello Performance), I am well versed in many different musical genres: classical, rock, folk, bluegrass, metal, and country. I will regularly assess students' musical goals and how to achieve them. While I am a demanding instructor, I believe that music ultimately comes from a place of ease and joy. Healthy encouragement accompanies the discipline, discernment and problem solving skills required to master an instrument. Equal time will be devoted to the challenges and the freedoms within music making.

I prepare for each student by keeping notes of their goals, repertoire, strengths and weaknesses, while allowing for spontaneous exploration of different pieces, improvisations, and topics as they arise. I will be honest if there are issues that arise that require a second opinion. I've partnered with some of the world's best instrumentalists to step in for a lesson or more to consult, offer their expertise, and find a new perspective. My ultimate goal as a teacher is to make myself obsolete to a student by having them grow into a fully mature musician and find success.

### **Responsibilities of Students:**

#### 1. Preparation

A music instructor can make learning a musical instrument more quick and efficient, but all musicians are ultimately self taught. Imitating a technique is only a primary step before making said technique a part of one's own musical vocabulary and expression. This process requires regular practice in order to develop. Arriving at a lesson unprepared is a waste of both the student's and teacher's time and energy. My preparation policy is: if a student arrives at a total 3 lessons unprepared, I reserve the right to terminate the teaching relationship with the student.

#### 2. Scheduling

If a student is unable to make their scheduled lesson time, I require 48 hours notice to reschedule or I reserve the right to charge full price for the lesson with no make up.

#### 3. Payments and Rates

Payments for all lessons for the month are due at the first lesson of every month.

Lesson rates are as follows:

Virtual lessons via Zoom

\$70/hour, \$60/45 minutes, \$50/half hour

In person lessons at my studio in Blacklick, OH

\$75/hour, \$65/45 minutes, \$55/half hour

(If a student requires private in home lessons in the Columbus Ohio area, contact me for availability and rates.)