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Piano lessons are located at **5415 N Albina Ave Portland, OR 97211.**

### **Required Lesson Material**

- Folder with lined notebook paper and manuscript paper (print at [www.blanksheetmusic.net](http://www.blanksheetmusic.net))
- Method-book or music as recommended by instructor
- Pencil
- Metronome (intermediate+)
- Hanon: The Virtuoso Pianist in Sixty Exercises (intermediate+)

### **Pre-paid Rates** (lessons weekly or bi-weekly)

30 mins = \$25      45 mins = \$35      1 hour = \$45

Due at the first lesson of each month. For drop-in rates, add \$5 to each pre-paid rate.

### **Attendance Policy**

Lessons will begin and end at their scheduled times so please do not be late! If the lesson begins late by a fault of mine, the lesson may be extended in compensation, or be rescheduled. Lessons may be cancelled with more than 24 hour notice but I accept only *one excused cancellation per month*. Students will be responsible for payment for missed lessons without sufficient notice. Major holidays will be observed and should be discussed before payment. You will not be charged for lessons that I cannot attend due to my performance schedule or other conflicts and credit for the lesson will roll over to the next month.

### **Outside of lessons**

As with any skill-based art, consistent daily practice is important for the student's progress. Rather than "cramming" in one long session, it is much more productive to spread that time out in smaller sessions throughout the week. Also, it is important for the student to listen to as much music as possible. This includes listening to recorded music on the radio, CD's or mp3's, and attending live concerts. The Internet offers many ways to discover new music. Some of my favorites include [www.last.fm](http://www.last.fm) and [www.pandora.com](http://www.pandora.com).