

Community Life Music Studio Handbook

TEACHER

Lessons are taught by Rev. Dr. Shawn Allen:

Performer

- performed music for 40 years
- performed on more than a dozen instruments
- performed and/or led worship in Israel, Hungary, Canada & USA

Composer, Arranger

- composed and/or arranged music in many styles, including classical, jazz, blues, funk, reggae, pop, latin, gospel, & bluegrass
- composed, arranged, or performed music in six languages
- arrangement of *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* has 55,000+ views on *YouTube*

Producer and Recording Artist

- produced music events for more than 15 years
- recorded and distributed 3,000 copies of his *Jazz Nativity* Album in several countries

Educator

- earned a Ph.D. that explored the intersection of pedagogy, musicology, and missiology
- has been teaching private lessons for 30 years and leading ensembles for more than 25 years
- taught music at Palm Beach Atlantic University
- trained musicians/worship teams and performed in Albania, Macedonia, Panama, & USA



CLICK PICTURE ABOVE to watch Dr. Allen play his arrangement of “Angels We Have Heard on High” at *Jazz Nativity* in 2017

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SAMPLE OF STUDENTS PERFORMING5



CLICK PICTURE ABOVE to watch Dr. Allen’s students, Nicolas Leon and Renee Brown, play Dr. Allen’s arrangement of “We Three Kings” at *Jazz Nativity* in 2022

MISSION AND PURPOSE STATEMENTS

The *Community Life Music Studio* trains students to use their God-given musical gifts to honor God and bless others.

100% of tuition for music lessons supports *Community Life*, a 501c3 non-profit inspiring Christians to answer Jesus’ prayer for unity as they meet their community’s needs together.

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INSTRUMENTS AND SUBJECTS TAUGHT

Students can learn

- 1) one (or more) of the following instruments:
Piano, Keyboard, Ukulele, Acoustic Guitar, Electric Guitar,
Electric Bass, Upright Bass, Mandolin, Drum Set, Voice
- 2) OR how to Play by Ear ONLY
- 3) OR how to Improvise ONLY
- 4) OR Music Theory ONLY
- 5) OR how to Arrange Music ONLY

All Students learning an instrument will be taught

- 1) Music Theory
- 2) Technique
- 3) Songs chosen by the teacher and Songs chosen by the student

OPTIONAL: Students can also be taught

- 1) how to Play by Ear
- 2) how to Improvise
- 3) how to Arrange Music

LESSON TIMES

Lesson times must be scheduled online.

The student or the student's parent (if student under 18) will be sent the scheduling link after Dr. Allen receives the Registration Form.

LESSON FREQUENCY

Lessons may be scheduled at any frequency (as often or as infrequent as desired by the student).

LOCATION

Lessons can be given

at the student's home (for any student under 18, a parent must be home during the lesson)

OR in one of several *Community Life Music Studio* locations in Greenacres or Lake Worth

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Private Lessons

Private lessons are taught to one student individually.

One 30-minute lesson: \$50 (*paid in full prior to each lesson*)

One 60-minute lesson: \$95 (*paid in full prior to each lesson*)

One 120-minute lesson: \$190 (*paid in full prior to each lesson*)

Ten 30-minute lessons: \$450 (*paid in full prior to 1st lesson*)

Ten 60-minute lessons: \$900 (*paid in full prior to 1st lesson*)

Ten 120-minute lessons: \$1,800 (*paid in full prior to 1st lesson*)

Group Music Lessons

Group Music Lessons are taught to two or more students, and focus on playing and performing with other musicians. Students may form their own group of two or more students, or request Group Music Lessons from Dr. Allen.

One 30-minute lesson: \$30 per student (*paid in full prior to each lesson*)

One 60-minute lesson: \$50 per student (*paid in full prior to each lesson*)

One 120-minute lesson: \$100 per student (*paid in full prior to each lesson*)

Ten 30-minute lessons: \$250 per student (*paid in full prior to 1st lesson*)

Ten 60-minute lessons: \$475 per student (*paid in full prior to 1st lesson*)

Ten 120-minute lessons: \$925 per student (*paid in full prior to 1st lesson*)

Lessons must be paid in advance through one of the following methods:

- 1) *Zelle* (find Community Life's *Zelle* account using shawn@missionalunity.com)
- 2) Cash
- 3) Check made payable to *Community Life*

A payment to *Community Life* for music lessons is a fee-for-service payment, and therefore is not a tax-exempt donation.

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PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT (if student under 18)

In order to encourage the success of the student, parents should

- monitor the student's daily practice time at home and keep the teacher informed of any changes or challenges that may occur in the student's practice habits
- ensure that students bring all of the necessary music and materials with them to each lesson

STUDENT COMMITMENT

Students are expected to

- practice 5 days each week, for a minimum of 20 minutes per day
- bring to each lesson
 - their instrument (if applicable)
 - a 3-ring binder (made of hard plastic that allows papers to lay flat) with notes from previous lessons
 - all assigned music

MAKE-UP LESSONS

Both teacher and student are expected to be committed to the scheduled lesson time. If the teacher cancels a lesson, the teacher will offer a make-up lesson at a time convenient to the student. If a student cancels a lesson, the teacher will not make-up the lesson. The student will not be refunded the cost of the lesson.

TARDINESS

It is very important that students be on-time for lessons. The lesson will begin and end at the scheduled time, even if a student is tardy.

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GETTING STARTED

1. Complete the Registration Form.
2. Take a picture of the Registration Form and TEXT or EMAIL the picture to Dr. Allen:
561-400-6900 ~ shawn@missionalunity.com
3. After Dr. Allen receives the Registration Form, he will send the student or the student's parent (if student under 18) the link to schedule the first lesson.
4. Payment for 1st lesson should be sent when 1st lesson is scheduled.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Date: _____

Name of Student: _____

Age: _____ Grade (if applicable): _____

Name of Parent (if student under 18): _____

Which of the following do you want to learn (write one or more of the instruments OR one of the "ONLY" options)?

Piano, Keyboard, Ukulele, Acoustic Guitar, Electric Guitar, Electric Bass, Upright Bass, Mandolin, Drum Set, Voice
How to Play by Ear ONLY ~ How to Improvise ONLY ~ Music Theory ONLY ~ How to Arrange Music ONLY

Years of experience (none required): _____

Address: _____

Email Address of Student (or Parent, if Student under 18): _____

Mobile Phone of Student (or Parent, if Student under 18): _____

**I have carefully read the *Community Life Music Studio Handbook*
and agree to the policies of the *Community Life Music Studio*.**

Signature of Student

Signature of Parent (if Student under 18)