# **Studio Policies**

## **Tuition Policy**

• Payment is due 1 week prior to the first lesson. Please contact the instructor for current rates.

### **Materials**

- All necessary materials must be provided by the students. Always consult the instructor before making any purchases. The materials include:
  - o Guitar
  - o Tuner
  - Appropriate chair
  - Music stand
  - Instructional materials scores, textbooks, etc.
  - Accessories (if applicable) footstool, "A" frame, strap, etc.

### Missed Lessons

- Students are expected to arrive on time with their guitar in tune, warmed up, and any materials pertaining to that day's session.
- A minimum 24-hour notice is required to cancel a lesson.
  - If the 24-hour notice is not given or the student does not show up for a lesson, there will be no make-up lesson or refund for that time.
  - If the student does give a 24-hour notice, the instructor will try if possible to schedule a makeup lesson at the instructor's and student's convenience.
  - In the event a student is tardy, their time will not be extended beyond its normal scheduled time.

### **Practicing**

- Students are expected to practice daily to ensure progress. Since learning the instrument is a process of introducing and refining skills, it is not possible to cram the day before the lesson and be fully prepared. The guitar is a skill-based activity like running a marathon. One would not expect a person with a sedentary lifestyle to run a ten mile marathon. For the runner, much consistent training and conditioning is necessary. This is the same for the guitar. One cannot expect to become a master overnight. Therefore, learning the guitar is only possible through a daily commitment to the processes necessary for development. The instructor will teach you the processes necessary, but it is your responsibility to act on them.
- At a minimum, the student should daily devote an amount of time equal to the length of their lesson time. More, however, is highly encouraged if possible.
- Students will be informed of their daily regime and are expected to cover every aspect of it to gain full benefits.
- All students should take short breaks to stretch and drink water every 25 30 minutes to avoid repetitive motion injuries, overexertion, and dehydration.