

# SINGER'S CONTRACT

The study of voice should be considered continuous and long-term. Just like piano, which cannot be mastered in one year or even several, the study of voice is similarly as complicated and requires the same dedication. Students should plan to commit to lessons for the full school year, if not also continuing in the summer. If unforeseen circumstances require a student to terminate lessons mid-year, one month paid notice is required to end lessons.

## PRACTICE

Students should plan to put aside (at least) three days a week for practice. A combination of scales and repertoire makes it interesting for younger singers. It takes several months to "get a song into your voice". The biggest problem for young singers is that they don't understand how to practice well or the preparation time required to have a successful performance.

### TIME

The weekly 30 minute lesson period is reserved for you only. Please be prompt to your lesson. Students must have ALL lesson materials at every lesson. Students late for their lesson will have what is left of their assigned time.

### MUSIC AND ACCOMPANIMENT FEES

Sheet music expenses range between \$7 and \$15 per song, depending upon what music publisher has the rights to the music and how much they charge. The costs of buying the sheet music (a one-time charge per song) and the accompanist charges (approximately \$40 per hour - may change, depending upon the accompanist), will be paid by the student, whether for rehearsals or performance. Recorded music by the accompanist for rehearsal, will be paid by the student.

### PARENTS

Parents are asked to wait in a different room during the lesson to give the student and instructor time to work on the craft. At no time should Parents feel the need to offer suggestions or interrupt instruction.

### MAKEUPS

Unfortunately, often the busy schedule at The Studio does not often allow for "make-up" lessons. Please plan your calendars in advance and keep your lesson times free of any

appointments and other conflicts. Payment of tuition reserves a time slot for your student that remains reserved whether or not the student is at lessons. There will be NO refunds or adjustments for missed lessons unless we cancel them on our end for some reason. Please note for inclement weather we will use Zoom or Skype for your lesson. Inclement weather is determined by closing of the East Lansing School District - if they are closed for bad weather then so are we. Students who miss lessons due to busy schedules, lack of preparation, conflicting appointments, athletic events, homework, etc. are NOT eligible for make-up lessons. If we are notified WELL in advance of an expected absence, we will try to make a change in the schedule, but cannot guarantee an alternate time for a makeup lesson.

I have read and understand the terms and conditions to study voice at The Studio Performing Arts Center.

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