



**Dr. Brenda J. Lang's Voice Studio 2016-2017**

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I am so excited to be joining the wonderful faculty at Cincinnati Music Academy. I have been teaching voice for the past 29 years at the collegiate level. I enjoy working with each individual student, collaborating to accomplish his or her goals. I am very relational in my teaching. I believe the study of voice include creating smart singers who learn their technique in the studio and then duplicate it over and over throughout the week as they practice and perform. My methods are simple, yet effective. Below is my studio contract for you to read and sign. I would like these returned with signature by the second lesson. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call me.

#### Program

The lesson fees include:

- One 30 or 60 minutes lesson per week for a total of 46 weeks of lessons
- PLUS: 70 to 80 hours of additional technique and performance classes
- Spring recital

Annual tuition is based on 42 private lessons (with 46 being offered). This allows for lessons you many need to cancel due to schedule conflicts, vacations, spring break, sporting conflicts, or illnesses. Please check out the full-year studio calendar on my page for all of the scheduled holiday breaks and my personal vacations.

#### Studio Fees

- Cincinnati Music Academy Registration Fee (yearly fee): \$35.00. Please make a separate check to Cincinnati Music Academy. I will fill out your registration for you and turn it into the academy.
- On your September 2016 tuition statement, the Lang Voice Studio annual registration fee of \$25.00 will be charged. This registration fee goes to help defray the costs for recitals and other miscellaneous expenses.
- Program fees are based on the annual calendar and divided into twelve equal payments. Students will receive an email invoice by the 15th of the month prior to payment.
  - Full program fees with a 30-minute weekly lesson: \$144 per month
  - Full program fees with a 60-minute weekly lesson: \$288 per month

- **Payment options:**
  - **Checks** payable to *Brenda Lang*. I will accept checks either at the first lesson of each month or by mail (Return check fee: \$35):  
Brenda Lang  
5442 Whitmore Drive  
Cincinnati, OH 45238
  - **Cash** in an envelop with my name on it
- Your monthly payment is due by the first of each month. Payments not received by the 7th will incur a late fee of \$25.
- Voice lessons run year-long. Students who continue their lessons in the summer months maintain their technique and vocal flexibility along with personal discipline. All students are expected to continue their lessons over the summer.

#### Additional Expenses:

- Purchase of a vocal warm-up app:
  - Apple users: Musicopolous Warm-up app :  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/vocal-warm-up-by-musicopoulos/id467571560?mt=8>
  - Android users: Warm Me Up for Singers:  
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.wmu>
- The cost of sheet music is not included in the lesson fee. I will recommend books or online sites (such as MusicNotes.com, newmusictheatre.com, sheetmusicplus.com) for each student to purchase their music. I will not be loaning out music from my personal library.

#### Attendance Policy

Four extra lessons have been built into the annual calendar. These may be used for school conflicts, vacations, illness, sports conflicts, or family emergencies. Please notify me of all schedule conflicts by the first of each month. Students who miss more than these four lessons may makeup lessons by attending any of the the performance and technique classes offered at the Academy. Excessive absences due to prolonged illness or family emergencies with be handled on individual basis.

For illness or family emergency, please email or text me within 24 hours of your scheduled lesson time.

In the case of inclement weather, I will notify you by email AND text if my studio is closed. Most of the time, I will be offering lessons. If I decide to close my studio for the safety of my students, the lesson can be counted as either one of the four extra lessons or by attending a technique or performance class.

#### Practice Expectations

Practice is a significant part of your development as a singer. To become a smart singer, you need to practice in order to duplicate the healthy techniques you are learning in your lessons. Below is a suggested guideline for students based upon their age:

##### 10 - 14 year old

10 minutes of exercise from your warm-up app and 10 - 15 minutes of repertoire, 4-5 days a week

**15 - 18 year old**

10 minutes of exercise from your warm-up app and 20 minutes of repertoire, 5-6 days a week

**College Prep and College Students**

10 minutes of exercise from your warm-up app and 30-40 minutes of repertoire, 5-6 days a week

**Adults**

10 minutes of exercise from your warm-up app and repertoire learning which is fun and fulfilling, meeting your personal goals each week.

**\*\*The better you learn your notes and rhythms before the lesson, the more we can work on technique and performance development. I encourage you to work on your musicianship and be the best you can be.**

**Termination of lessons**

A student may choose to end their lessons with me, Dr. Brenda Lang, by notifying me in writing on or before the 15th of the month before termination. Notification of intent to discontinue study after the 15th of the month does not excuse payment for the following month and tuition money will not be refunded. In that case, the student may certainly continue to study until paid tuition is exhausted. Additionally, students may be dismissed for any of the following reasons: repeated failure to attend lessons, repeated failure to prepare for lessons, behavioral issues, and nonpayment of tuition.

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I have read the policies of the Lang Voice Studio and understand and agree to them.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE (parents please sign if child is under 18)

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