



Lethbridge Branch of The Alberta Registered Music Teachers' Association
presents
EXPAND YOUR MUSIC TEACHER SKILLSET
A FREE Workshop Series Inspired by *More Than Music Lessons*
with
Dr. Merlin B. Thompson
March -June, 2026, in-person and online

This FREE three-session series is designed to help Lethbridge music teachers of any instrument or voice build on, expand, and enrich their musical knowledge and expertise. Drawing on ideas from his book "*More Than Music Lessons*", Dr. Merlin Thompson invites teachers to take their teaching to the next level by examining the deeper purposes of music study and developing practical skills that strengthen student musical independence and long-term engagement as lifelong music makers. Through reflection, discussion, and immediately applicable strategies, participants will explore how teacher choices impact musical outcomes and students' relationship with music. Each session connects with ideas from "*More Than Music Lessons*."

Admission is free! Participants are asked to register at this link, [REGISTRATION](#) to reserve their spot and receive information and reminders. **Teachers of ANY instrument or voice** in our community are welcome! Teachers may attend ANY or ALL of the sessions. Email lethbridgebranchofarmta@gmail.com for more information or if you have questions.

Session #1: Saturday, March 28th, 1-3 p.m. Casa Meeting Room at 230-8th St. S. Lethbridge
The 20-year Question - music in our lives, lifelong music-making, and curriculum models.

Session #2: Saturday, April 25th, 1-2 p.m. online. Register to receive link.
Create the Student's Journey - student info sheet, report cards, parent check ins.

Session #3: Thursday, June 4th, 11 a.m. to 12 noon. online. Register to receive link.
Music Lessons for Trust - student autonomy, the role of reflection, review and refinement.

Resource: Participants are encouraged to purchase (either before or during) the workshop series "*More Than Music Lessons: A Studio Teacher's Guide to Parents, Practicing, Projects, and Character*" which is available on [Amazon](#), or [Indigo](#), or at the first session on March 28th. Participants will benefit immensely from having their own personal resource to support their teaching during and beyond the three sessions.



Dr. Merlin B. Thompson is a Calgary-based pianist, teacher, and scholar who has worked with hundreds of teachers, students, and parents in webinars, workshops, conferences, universities, and mentorships online and in-person throughout Canada, USA, China, New Zealand, Australia, and Finland. Merlin is Founder and Creator of Teach Music 21C - a music teacher community that is actively changing how music teachers create successful musical explorations for today's music students and their families. www.TeachMusic21C.com