

Private Lesson Information Spring 2024



Who am I? What are lessons?

Hello! My name is Vincent Schueren. I am a musician and teacher living in Saxon, WI. I offer performances and lessons through my business, Spoons for the People. I get all worked up over music. It excites my spirit like nothing else I've encountered. I draw from my experience teaching students of all ages in many different contexts, and I am knowledgeable in many areas of music including: voice, keyboard, folk instruments, music theory & songwriting, stage presence, community music, and music/video technology. I have a Wisconsin Teaching Certificate, a Bachelors degree in Vocal Performance, and Masters degree in Music Education.

There are many psychological and physical benefits that come with making music, and you can expand on these benefits by building a music practice you love. First, I will help you identify the musical goals that will serve you best. During lessons, you will be singing or playing music for most of your lesson time. This gives me a chance to assess what skills you have and what skills will help you reach your goals. I will provide instructional guidance, ask questions, and provide simple tasks that strategically build up these skills over time. We will also discuss musical activities you can do outside of our lesson time, finding exercises you enjoy that bring you closer to your musical goals.

PERKS (priority given to students who purchase lessons for the semester in advance)

- You can call or text me with music-related questions in between lessons.
- You can borrow a keyboard (or other instrument) from me for the semester.
- Upon request, I can create a personalized warm-up track you can sing with at home
- I facilitate a Voice Showcase at the end of the semester open to all students! To see last semester's showcase, go to the 'lessons' page of my web site. (If live performance is not your jam, we can make a or a music video or recording of some kind if you'd like)

Locations and Scheduling

I teach lessons in three different locations: Saxon, Ashland, and Washburn. Saxon lessons take place in my home studio, Ashland lessons take place in a beautiful room with tall windows on the second floor of the Ashland Library (“The B-Suite”), and Washburn lessons take place at the Washburn Meditation Center. My teaching schedule goes from Feb. 12th to May 16th and is available for you to view online. At any time, you can schedule one or multiple lessons by finding available time slots (with no ‘X’ next to them) and emailing me with the time slot(s) you’d like to reserve. I will reply to confirm your scheduled time slots.

Payment

Your first lesson with me is Pay-as-you-feel (by donation). After that, if you would like to schedule individual lessons, I ask \$50 per lesson. I may be able to lower the price based on your financial situation, or possibly a barter/trade agreement. Each lesson time slot will be 70 minutes (roughly 60 for focused lesson time and 10 for conversation, changing students, etc). Time slots in Washburn are slightly shorter. **If you would like to buy lessons for the entire semester, that would be amazing! Please do! You can purchase 8 lessons for \$320 paid in advance (a 20% discount on a \$400 value).** I accept cash or check (please make checks payable to ‘Spoons for the People’).

Cancellation Fee

If you cannot make a scheduled lesson, please let me know as soon as you can! I will work with you to reschedule the lesson. If you notify me of a lesson cancellation in the 2 days leading up to your lesson (or on the day of the lesson), I ask a \$20 cancellation fee. This helps cover rental costs for the space, as well as my time driving, scheduling, and preparing. If your lesson is prepaid in this situation, you may either count that missed lesson as one of your eight prepaid lessons, or reschedule it for a \$20 fee. If I need to cancel or reschedule a lesson day, I will abide by these same guidelines. If weather conditions make it dangerous to travel, either party may cancel with less than three days notice without having to pay a cancellation fee.

Contact Me!

If you’d like to take lessons this semester, please let me know a little bit about your situation and musical ambitions. I am happy to answer any questions you may have. You can reach me at SpoonsForThePeople@gmail.com or (850) 322-9797. You can find more information about me and the lessons I offer on my website, www.SpoonsForThePeople.com. Thanks for reading!



--Vince