DEAR BACH TO ROCK® PARENTS:

Welcome to the B2R family. You and your child have embarked on a unique and rewarding musical adventure and we will do everything we can to ensure that you find the experience exciting and enriching. If at any time you need assistance or have questions or concerns please feel free to get in touch with us. We can be reached at 877-B2R-8556.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT BACH TO ROCK

Instrumental Instruction at Bach to Rock is Based on Three Fundamental Principles:

1. That musical learning is significantly enhanced and maximum progress is achieved when students combine short one-on-one lessons with group, band or ensemble playing.

2. That motivation to learn through practice is strengthened by a “team sport” approach, in which students work together and have multiple opportunities to play in public. These activities give meaning to the otherwise solitary experience of practicing at home and provide students with real world goals.

3. That a strong, traditional and carefully sequenced methodology in both technique and musical theory should be coupled with a repertoire of music that students enjoy and to which they, their fellow musicians and their friends can relate.

Bach to Rock Can Provide Instruments for Lessons*

Bach to Rock will generally provide students with instruments when they are taking lessons in its facilities.* Therefore, students will not have to take their instruments with them to school in the mornings or transport bulky equipment to their lessons. As students advance in the curriculum, they may feel more comfortable using their own instruments and are encouraged to bring them to class. Drums, Guitars and Keyboards, plus amplifiers and other support equipment, will always be supplied by the school.

Students Must Have Instruments at Home for Practice

It is very important for students to have their own instruments for practice at home. Excellent instruments are available today at moderate prices. Instruments should be sturdy and (in the case of stringed instruments) they should be able to stay in tune. Beginners may wish to purchase a “starter” instrument, although investing in an intermediate-level instrument may, in the long run, prove more economical as a student’s skill level and musical demands increase over time.

Keyboard/Piano students should not practice on badly maintained, out-of-tune pianos. The early years of musical study are very important for the development of an accurate “ear” and an out of tune instrument inhibits this learning.

Instrument Selection

The B2R staff will be happy to discuss instrument selection with parents and/ or students and to recommend appropriate instruments as well as stores in our area that carry them. In addition, B2R has wholesale contracts with musical instrument manufacturers and suppliers and can provide instruments at a discount to those who prefer to purchase them from us. A list of recommended instruments and accessories is available.

TUITION AND BILLING

Monthly Billing

Monthly billing is calculated based on the number of lessons in the month. The number of lessons in the month may vary depending on the day of the week when a lesson occurs. B2R does not bill for regularly scheduled lessons occurring on official B2R holidays when the centers are closed. There can be three, four or five regularly scheduled lessons in a month. Payment must be made by the 1st of the month to cover all regularly scheduled lessons and to reserve the day, time slot and instructor. Payment may be made via cash, check or credit card. A student enrolling after the start of the month will be billed on a prorated basis. The total will be calculated based on the number of lessons remaining in the month.

Parents paying via credit card will be automatically set up for a recurring credit card charge for each successive month’s lessons. Parents will be sent an email reminder on the 16th of the month that their credit card will be charged on the first day of the upcoming month. Parents must notify B2R by the 25th of the month if they do not want to continue instruction in the next month. Notification may be made by sending written notification (email is permissible) to B2R or calling B2R. If any parent has not so notified B2R by the 25th of the month, the credit card will be automatically charged on the 1st of the month for that month’s regularly scheduled lessons. The amount charged may vary from month to month, depending on the number of lessons scheduled in the month.

Fixed Duration

Students who have enrolled for a fixed duration workshop/class must pay in full prior to the start of instruction. Payment may be made via cash, check or credit card. Program prices are subject to change.

Single Session

Students who have enrolled for a single session workshop/class must pay in full prior to or at the time of that lesson. Payment may be made via cash, check or credit card. Program prices are subject to change.

Materials Fee

Enrollment in certain workshops, classes or private lessons may require, in addition to tuition, the payment of materials’ fees. Materials fees cover the cost of curriculum books and copyright permissions that allow Bach to Rock to provide modern music options for students. In the event materials fees are required, these fees will be due in full prior to the start of instruction.

PERMISSION AND WAIVERS

Use of Personal Information

The information parents provide will be used for internal purposes only and will never be shared with third parties. However, if a child is enrolled in the Band Session Program, parent contact information (name, phone number, email address) may be shared with parents of students enrolled in the same band in order to facilitate scheduling. Parents may opt out of this limited information sharing by submitting a request in writing (email is permissible) to B2R.

Photographs, Audio & Video Recordings, and Promotional Materials

Please note that B2R (as well as members of the media) may from time to time photograph or make audio or video recordings of students, students’ families and friends, and other members of an audience in attendance at a performance for the purpose of advertising, promoting and increasing awareness of B2R (and reporting on events of local interest). By signing this document, parents hereby give their permission for B2R (as well as members of the media) to so photograph and make such audio and video recordings of their student(s). B2R will own the copyright of its photographs and audio and video recordings and as such may publish the same in any medium (and the media member will own the copyright of its photographs and audio and video recordings and may publish the same).

Creation of Musical Work

During the course of individual and/or group lessons and/or band sessions, the instructor may in collaboration with the student(s) create an original piece of music. The copyright in the original piece of music shall belong jointly to
ATTENDANCE & CANCELLATION POLICIES

Individual Lessons
Students enrolled in individual lessons are permitted one excused absence and make-up lesson per month. For a missed lesson to be “excused” the student/parent must notify the school in writing (email is permissible) by the close of business the day before the scheduled lesson. Make-up lessons must be scheduled within 30 days of the original lesson date. B2R cannot guarantee that make-up lessons will be taught by the student’s regular instructor. There will be no refunds or make-ups for absences without proper notification.

Rock Band Sessions
There will be no make-up of band sessions missed by individual students. Absences from band sessions alter the balance of the group and make rehearsals difficult for those students who are in attendance. Students are asked to recognize that they have an obligation to their fellow band members and should make every effort to attend all scheduled sessions. If at least three students are present for a band session, it will proceed as scheduled. If fewer than three students are available for a band session, it will be cancelled.

Group Classes, Recording Arts, B2R Glee Club
No make-up classes or refunds will be given if a student is absent for a group class. If B2R cancels a class prior to the first day of instruction, a full refund will be given.

Facility Policies

Inclement Weather
In the event of inclement weather, B2R will make closing decisions twice daily. B2R will post a message at B2Rmusic.com, the site’s B2R Facebook page, and 877-B2R-8558 by 9 a.m. for all lessons, classes or events starting before 1 p.m. that day and by 12 p.m. for all lessons, classes or events starting at or after 1 p.m. that day. Please be sure to check for the weather message as conditions may permit a site to be open in the morning and closed in the afternoon, or vice versa. In the event B2R closes, make-up lessons must be scheduled within 30 days of the original lesson date. B2R cannot guarantee that make-up lessons will be taught by the student’s regular instructor.

Student Conduct
Students are expected to exhibit responsible behavior while on B2R premises and when participating in or attending B2R sponsored functions held off-site. Any damage to the facility and/or equipment as a result of disruptive behavior or horseplay is the financial responsibility of the student and parent.

B2R reserves the right to discontinue instruction to any student who does not adhere to school policies or whose behavior is determined by the faculty/staff to be inappropriate or disruptive. In such cases, the student is still responsible for all tuition and fees due and no refund will be provided.

Ear Plugs
The US Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) states that hearing protection should be worn by those exposed to sound levels exceeding 85 dBA for periods of 8 hours or more (85 dBA is roughly equivalent to the sound of heavy traffic). In order to minimize the risk of hearing loss, students may wish to use earplugs, both inside the studio and during concerts. Ear plugs are available from the B2R staff or can be supplied by the student.

B2R Parent/Teacher Policy

Please do not solicit Bach to Rock teachers for lessons outside of B2R. All Bach to Rock teachers are under contract and may not offer lessons to B2R students outside of Bach to Rock. Teachers who violate contract terms will be terminated.

*B2R will always provide guitar, banjo, keyboard, drum kits, keyboards and amplification equipment for these students and for vocal performance. We do not provide wind or orchestral instruments such as clarinets, flutes, saxophones, violins or violas, etc.

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