

# Contract for private saxophone lessons with Neal Smith

## Option 1 – one full hour every week – \$120 per month

*Includes a reserved time slot (\$28.23/\$26.67 per lesson) – 17 or 18 lessons per term (4 or 5 per month)  
Extra lessons: \$30 per hour or \$20 per half hour*

Term 1: September 1 – December 31

Term 2: January 1 – April 30

Term 3: May 1 – August 31

### What's included:

- A private one-on-one lesson which caters directly to the specific needs of each individual student
- Made-to-order transcriptions of jazz and popular songs, as well as customized piano accompaniments for contest solos
- Free and unlimited access to the premium features of the browser-based music creation program Soundtrap
- Access to 16-track digital audio recording equipment for making demos or holiday recordings
- Access to my library of recordings (not to be taken from the studio)
- Printed music, exclusive of method books required by school band programs and music for solo contests, auditions, etc.
- Mixing, editing, and mastering of recordings made in the studio

### What's not included:

- Reeds, neck straps, and other accessories
- Band method books
- Music for solo contest, auditions, or recitals
- Access to my musical instruments, recording equipment, and accessories outside the studio

**Absence and dismissal policy** – The student may have a make-up lesson or may reschedule for any reason, provided at least 24 hours' notice is given. If less than 24 hours' notice is given, no make-up lesson or rescheduling is available. Exceptions will be made for illness, family emergencies, and extreme weather conditions. Please note that if a student is temporarily without an instrument or other essential equipment, a lesson can be comprised of music theory, composing, arranging, notation/transcribing, or audio recording and mixing.

If I (the instructor) cancel a lesson with less than 24 hours' notice or plan on being unavailable during a student's scheduled lesson time, a full refund or credit for that lesson will be given if the session cannot be rescheduled to the convenience of the student.

Absence without any notice will be charged at the full rate. Four consecutive absences without notice will result in the student being dropped from the schedule.

A student may also be permanently dropped from the schedule without warning if:

- a student or parent/guardian presents a threat to my security or well-being
- a student or parent/guardian inflicts intentional damage on my property, or to my professional reputation without just cause
- a student presents a credible threat to the safety, security, or well being of others, or demonstrates intent or evidence of self-harm
- a student or parent/guardian engages in inappropriate communication with me, including texting or calling at inappropriate hours, and including inappropriate subject matter
- there is a sustained disinterest or disregard for music or for the learning process
- a student or parent/guardian consistently maintains unreasonable expectations of musical progress without an appropriate level of effort and sense of responsibility on the part of the student
- the student makes me aware of their continued involvement in any illegal activity, such as underage smoking, drinking, or drug use
- threatening, aggressive or intolerant language is used on or near my property, or the student is known to be intolerant of differences in race, nationality, physical/mental ability, religious belief, political affiliation, or gender orientation/identity

**Payment options** include cash, check, money order, PayPal, and Google Wallet. **Late payments** made after the student's first scheduled lesson of a month will be subject to a late payment fee of \$5.00 per week. The charge for a returned check or a returned electronic payment is \$20.

**Your signature below indicates that you have read, understand, and agree with the terms and policies stated above.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Instructor Signature \_\_\_\_\_