Vibrato
VIOLIN STUDIO

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Dear Student and Family,

Welcome to Vibrato Violin Studio! I'm so glad you're here. Learning an instrument is a long, meaningful journey, and my goal is to make that journey musical, enjoyable, and growth-filled for each student.

At Vibrato, we focus on **process** as much as performance: building solid technique, developing good listening habits, and growing confidence through small, steady steps. Lessons are tailored to each student's age, interests, and goals, whether that's playing in a school orchestra, preparing for auditions, or simply loving music at home.

Parents are important partners in this work. Your encouragement, help in creating a regular practice routine, and presence at occasional performances make a huge difference in your child's success and enjoyment.

Enclosed you'll find the Studio Policies. Please read them carefully with your student. They explain how scheduling, cancellations, and payments work so that everyone knows what to expect. When we're on the same page about logistics, we can spend our lesson time doing what matters most: making music.

If you ever have questions or want to talk about your student's progress, repertoire, or goals, please reach out. I'm always happy to connect.

Musically,
Naomi Malka
Vibrato Violin Studio

P.S. If you're still in the process of renting or purchasing an instrument, I'm glad to help you find and try out some good options in your price range.



Studio Policies

Welcome to Naomi Malka's Vibrato Violin Studio. These policies explain how the studio operates and clarify the shared values and responsibilities that support a positive learning experience.

I hope we share a love of music, a belief in the beauty of sound, and a sense that music can make the world a little better. I'm excited to work with you and to learn what inspires you to grow as a musician.

Responsibilities

Student

- Practice according to the steps and methods we discuss in lessons.
- Listen regularly to the recordings I send you and to string music in general.
- Track your practice and reflect on it at each lesson.
- Arrive prepared: instrument out of the case, music on the stand, and pencil/eraser or tablet ready with music open.

Parent/Guardian

- Encourage consistent daily practice.
- Support your student's progress by listening to them play when possible.
- Schedule your student's lessons and promptly manage cancellations and tardiness.
- Pay invoices in full and on time.

Instructor

- Begin and end lessons on time.
- Provide at least 24 hours' notice if I must miss a lesson, except in emergencies.
- Collaborate with you on appropriate repertoire, genres, and musical goals.
- Facilitate suitable performance and enrichment opportunities.
- Guide you toward tangible progress through clear skill-building and feedback you can apply.

Recommendations for Success

- Use a practice journal to record goals, questions, and weekly reflections.
- Write down your reasons for starting lessons and your commitment to practicing.
- Attend Practice Partners at least once per week, if possible.
- Attend live musical events in your community whenever you can.

Lesson and Coaching Rates

1:1 Lessons

- $100 per one-hour lesson.

- My rates generally increase modestly at the end of each calendar year.

Practice Partners

This offering is a small-group, online practice lab that supports students between lessons and helps them build consistent habits. Practice Partners gives parents structured support in helping their child stick to a regular practice schedule, while giving students real-time coaching through the inevitable challenges that come up during individual practice. The group format creates a shared space for accountability, focus, and encouragement.

During each 30-minute Zoom session with Naomi Malka, students:

- Log on together and briefly set a personal intention or goal for the session.
- Practice independently with cameras on and audio off, creating a focused, accountable environment.
- Raise a virtual hand when they need help; Naomi meets with them 1:1 in a breakout room, then they return to the group to continue practicing.
- Close with a short wrap-up and reflection on what they practiced and what they learned.

Cost of Practice Partners:

- $20 per 30-minute Zoom session for students of other teachers.
- $10 per 30-minute session for current Vibrato Violin Studio students
- Practice Partners sessions are discounted in packages:
    - 2 sessions per week: $9 per session for my students/$18 all others
    - 3 sessions per week: $8 per session for my students/$16 all others

Billing

You may choose the billing schedule that works best for your family:

- **After each lesson:** You will receive an invoice after each lesson.
- **After every four lessons:** You will receive an invoice after every four lessons rather than after each individual lesson.

Payment is due upon receipt of the invoice. A $25 late fee is added each week that a balance remains unpaid.

Payment may be made by electronic transfer to Venmo @Naomi-Malka-1. Please include your student's name and the lesson date(s) in the payment note.

Lessons canceled less than 24 hours before the scheduled start time are charged at the full lesson rate and will be included on your invoice. Please see the Cancellation Policy below for details.

Late Starts and Cancellation Policy

Please notify me in writing of cancellations or late starts by text (202-841-8776) or email (neskatan@gmail.com).

Students are expected to be ready for their lessons when I arrive. Lessons that start late are charged at the full rate and end at the originally scheduled time.

- **Cancellations with at least 24 hours' notice:** You will not be charged for the canceled lesson. If an alternate time is available within the same week, I will offer an opportunity to reschedule; this is not guaranteed.
- **Cancellations with less than 24 hours' notice:** You will be charged the full lesson rate, even if the lesson does not take place. If I can offer a replacement lesson within the same week, there will be no additional charge; availability is not guaranteed. Any additional lesson scheduled will be billed separately.

Agreement

These policies remain in effect for the duration of enrollment at Vibrato Violin Studio and may be updated with written notice.

By signing below, I/we acknowledge that I/we have read and understand the Vibrato Violin Studio Policies and agree to follow them for the duration of lessons.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teacher Signature: _____ Date: _____

Quick Links

These links will be sent to you in our weekly communications and are included here for quick reference.

Payment Links

Zelle: 202-841-8776 or Venmo: @Naomi-Malka-1

Zoom Link for all Lessons & Sessions

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6133361447?omn=83132506139