

# Jenny Clarinet

## Online Lessons Syllabus

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### Goals

The primary objectives for each student are to gain insight and knowledge in music and develop skills on the clarinet. Students are nurtured in a creative environment where they are encouraged to explore musically and intellectually. As a teacher, it is my responsibility to help students achieve their goals, whether that is making All State, earning a Superior rating at Solo & Ensemble, auditioning for college music programs, or developing their passion for music and the clarinet. Specific milestones and goals will be discussed individually and monitored regularly to assess progress.

### Expectations

Students should come to lessons prepared and willing to learn. Students are expected to practice diligently throughout the week on assigned lesson materials. Lessons are not the time to learn the notes – it is important to be familiar with any musical assignments so that we may work on interpretation, technique, and other details. Specific practice requirements will be recommended individually for each student to maximize progress. Additional assignments (including listening, theory, or history) may be given, and students should be prepared to discuss their assigned coursework.

### Teaching Philosophy

My goal is to share my extensive knowledge of music and the clarinet with enthusiastic students. As a clarinetist, I prioritize helping each student develop a strong foundation of fundamentals, such as tone, embouchure, rhythm, articulation, technique, and breathing. Additionally, I discuss performance techniques, mental resilience, audition strategies, clarinet history, music theory, and any other information which is essential to train 21<sup>st</sup> century musicians. I believe in curating an appreciation for our beloved clarinet masterworks by Brahms, Mozart, Weber, and many more, but I also strive to introduce students to diverse new music to stimulate each student's individual performance interests.

I believe it is my responsibility as a performer, pedagogue, and artist to create an environment where all of my students feel motivated, valued, nurtured, and inspired to create music and be themselves. I encourage my students in a collaborative environment where they are free to create, experiment, and grow as musicians so each student can embrace their individuality through art and music. It is my goal to give all of my students the tools necessary to become the best musicians they can be and to teach them how to apply their training to share with others and give back to the community.

Learn more about Jenny Maclay [here](#).

### Required Materials

- Zoom (available through free download)
- Webcam and microphone or other audio source
- Good internet connection
- A properly working clarinet
- A good reed (no chips, cracks, or mold, please!)
- Pencil
- Staff paper
- Notebook paper
- Music stand
- Music and assigned repertoire (no photocopies)
- Tuner
- Metronome

### Attendance Policy

Students should come prepared and on time for every lesson. I must be notified of any cancellations at least 24 hours in advance (except for emergencies or extenuating circumstances, which will be considered on an individual basis). You will be charged for unexcused absences or cancellations within 24 hours of your lesson. Repeated unexcused absences may result in termination of lessons. On the occasion that I am unavailable to teach a lesson, I will give advance notice so we may reschedule your lesson at a mutually convenient time. If you foresee an absence and would like to double lessons for a week, please contact me to check my availability. The lesson will begin at the agreed upon time, and tardiness will be deducted from the full lesson duration. There will be no penalties for any Internet connection issues.

### Lesson Rates (all USD)

- 30 minutes - \$40
- 45 minutes - \$50
- 60 minutes - \$60

All payments will be made using **PayPal**. All payment must be received before your lesson. If I have not received payment by the time of the lesson, I reserve the right to cancel the lesson. Discounts are offered if you purchase a 4-lesson bundle.