

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Teacher. Nina Belle Durr graduated from Washington County High School, Springfield, KY and received the Bachelor of Music Education degree from Georgetown College and the Master of Church Music degree in piano pedagogy from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. A certified piano teacher through Kentucky Music Teachers Association and Music Teachers National Association, she is also a Rank II music teacher certified by the Kentucky Board of Education.

The Lessons. A regular session of group piano study consists of approximately 8 weeks and conforms in most cases to the major holidays and vacations of the Scott County School Calendar. Piano study consists of an average of one 45-minute group class per week.

Technology/Equipment. Each lesson will be given using TEACHER provided keyboards. Lesson time will be used to learn note and rhythm reading, technique, repertoire, improvisation, ensemble playing as well as learning how to use the technology inherent in the instruments themselves. Computer/Online Theory assignments will also be a part of the curriculum.

PLEASE NOTE: Students are required to complete the session begun. No refunds will be given if a student elects to terminate lessons before the end of the session.

ATTENDANCE and ABSENCES. Attendance and being ON TIME at all lessons is of utmost importance. Only scheduled lessons missed by the teacher will be rescheduled. Absences due to snow will be rescheduled. If for ANY reason it is impossible to be at a scheduled lesson, PLEASE inform the teacher 24 hours in advance or as soon as possible before the scheduled lesson. This will help with lesson preparation to know if there will be a student missing. My office number is 502-863-1188.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT/MATERIALS.

Practice Instrument. Student should have an appropriate instrument on which to practice daily. Lessons will be on velocity sensitive digital keyboards and practice should be on similar or higher quality. An acoustic piano is the best in order to develop finger strength.

Materials are selected and in most cases purchased by the teacher. Payment is due within one week of the receipt of material. *Examples:* **Books-** lesson, technique, theory, solos, assignment record book; **Supplementary**

materials: Folder/bag for storing and transporting materials, pencil—NOT an ink pen!

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES. Sharing music with others makes music-making more enjoyable for everyone involved. Therefore, participation in performance opportunities is required of each student. Large group ensemble lessons, public recitals, and piano festivals (additional fees are charged for festivals) teach students about music and performing. They will not only become more secure musically, but the poise gained may be transferred to other life situations. These performance activities are great opportunities to learn more about music and yourselves.

PRACTICE. Lessons should not be considered practice sessions, but attendance is expected even if home practice was minimal. Progress cannot be made without sufficient practice. Therefore, each student is expected to practice regularly. Parents and student are equally responsible that sufficient practice occurs weekly. The teacher will determine a minimum amount of daily practice time for each student.

The actual time practiced is to be recorded daily in the assignment record book and brought to the weekly lesson with the parent's signature. The student has the responsibility to record the weekly total on the academy practice record chart. Parents should evaluate progress after each lesson by noticing how much of the assignment is repeated and why. Insufficient preparation for more than 2 lessons in any given month of lesson MAY result in termination of lessons!

FEES AND PAYMENT POLICY

Please understand that your fee covers more than just the weekly group lesson. You are paying for the total piano program offered the students including recitals, festival, etc. (Additional fees for festival and contests are based upon the organization sponsoring the event.)

REGISTRATION FEE- An annual, NON-REFUNDABLE fee of \$40.00 will be due upon enrollment in lessons. It is due with the return of the registration and schedule preference forms. This also helps cover the cost of online theory assignments and a subscription to Piano Explorer.

TUITION- The annual tuition fee, based upon approximately 32 weeks per year is \$768 for 45 minutes of weekly group piano instruction. It is designed to cover the total music instruction of the student each month—

regardless of the number of weeks in a particular month. This fee is payable in 4 (four) 8-week session payments, or 8 (eight) monthly payments as described below.*

*Tuition will be considered *past due* if not paid by the second lesson of the due month and a **\$5 per week late fee** will be assessed.

SUMMARY OF PAYMENT SCHEDULE

45 minute group lessons (maximum class size 4)

Registration Fee due at enrollment	=	\$ 40
8- monthly payments	=	\$ 96
4- 8-week session payments	=	\$180

Note: full payment for 8 week session saves \$12.00 per session. All payments due at the first lesson of the month, session, or year based on your choice of payment.

MATERIALS- Other charges for books and materials used by the student will be the responsibility of the student. The total amount of each purchase is due within one week of receipt of a written statement of purchase.

All Checks made payable to Nina Belle Durr.

For complete information, please contact Nina Belle Durr at:

(502) 863-1188

NINABDURR@bellsouth.net

THE TEACHER WILL MAKE ANY CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THIS POLICY OR TO DATES IN WRITING.

Nina Belle Durr, NCTM
September 1, 2011

2011-2012 CALENDAR

August	29	Semester I Begins
September	5	Labor Day (NO LESSONS)
	26	ENSEMBLE WEEK
October	3	1 st 8 week session begins
	13-14	Scott Co. Fall Break (NO LESSONS)
	15-18	KMTA Convention (ALLSTATE)
	18-20	ENSEMBLE WEEK/ RECITAL REHEARSAL
	23	Fall Recital
November	21	ENSEMBLE WEEK
	23-25	Thanksgiving (NO LESSONS)
December	12-16	Christmas Party Week
	19-31	Christmas Break (NO LESSONS)
January	2	New Year's Day (NO LESSONS)
	3	2 nd 8 week session begins
	16	Semester II Begins
	23	ENSEMBLE LESSONS
February	24	ENSEMBLE WEEK/ RECITAL REHEARSAL
	26	Pre-Festival Recital
March	12	3 rd 8 week session begins
	9	Festival Rehearsal
	10	Federated Festival
	26	ENSEMBLE WEEK
April	2-6	Scott Co. SPRING BREAK (NO LESSONS)
	23	ENSEMBLE LESSONS
May	20	RECITAL REHEARSAL
	22	AWARDS RECITAL Semester Ends

2011-2012

NINA BELLE'S MUSIC ACADEMY

NINA BELLE DURR, NCTM

Group Piano

STUDIO POLICY



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**2011-2012
Nina Belle's Music Academy
PIANO REGISTRATION FORM**

Please complete and detach the following form and return with the Group-~~\$40~~ or Individual-~~\$55~~ registration fee. Also complete schedule preferences on the back of this form.

Student Name _____

Date first enrolled _____ Birth date _____

School Name _____ Grade _____

Student's music background _____

Parent's names (if applicable) and/or employers _____

Email Address _____

Home Address _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

Additional Comments/Information:

I have read and understand the written group piano policy of Nina Belle Durr and Nina Belle's Music Academy as stated in the current 2011-2012 brochure and my signature indicates agreement to its terms. I agree to pay for lessons using the following schedule:

GROUP LESSONS* INDIVIDUAL LESSONS*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-\$180 Session Payments | <input type="checkbox"/> 1-\$1100 Annual Payment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8-\$ 96 Monthly Payments | <input type="checkbox"/> 2-\$ 550 Semester Payments |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 9-\$ 123 Monthly Payments |

(*All payments due at the first lesson of the month, session, semester, or year based on your choice of payment. Tuition will be considered *past due* if not paid by the second lesson of the due month and a \$5 per week late fee will be assessed.)

Parent /Student Signature

Date

**2011-2012
PIANO SCHEDULE PREFERENCE FORM**

Name _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Please indicate first, second, and third choice of time preferences by 1, 2, and 3.

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
3:15					
4:00	NA	NA		NA	
4:45		NA		NA	NA
5:30	NA	NA		NA	NA
6:15	NA	NA	NA		NA
7:00			NA		NA

- **Actual Class Times** will be scheduled after receiving everyone's schedule.
- Scheduling will be based upon age/experience. Group Minimum of 2/maximum of 4 per class.
- Return REGISTRATION FORM, SCHEDULING PREFERENCES AND REGISTRATION FEE (GROUP-~~\$40~~ or INDIVIDUAL-~~\$55~~) to:

Nina Belle Durr
Nina Belle's Music Academy
98 South Broadway
Georgetown, Kentucky 40324

Other comments concerning scheduling:

