

REVIEWS

English lessons

Thank you so much for everything that you have taught me over the past 5 years, I sincerely appreciate all the time that you have given me; it has made the journey so much easier (Sometimes I really wouldn't know what to do without you Bruce!). So many parts of my high school career have been affected by the wisdom and knowledge that you have instilled within me

Auckland, 13 December 2015

Music theory and composition lessons

Since 2nd February 2017 I have been studying music theory, beginning grade 5 and now into grade VI. I had previously worked in music theory and my object was to increase my knowledge and have an interesting subject to enjoy in my older age. I have been very fortunate to have Mr Bruce Baker as my tutor. I have learnt to recognise a number of finer points in the writing of effective melodies, especially melodies in a minor key, and the effective use of dominant 7th chords and the use of pivot chords plus the shaping of good melodies by the use of good improved ideas. I have learnt much from Bruce from his patient comments and I feel very grateful to have this music study to work with at this present time.

Joyce Finlay, Auckland, New Zealand, 7 August 2018

We are all very pleased with your approach towards [my daughter] and are really thrilled that she managed to pass G5 in only about 10 months. (Nothing short of a small miracle!)

Auckland, 21 December 2011

Thank you so much, Bruce.

Jocelyn and I watched the two recordings on youtube. It is very inspiring. Jocelyn said *Nuage* sounds like ocean, feels like someone in the middle of pacific ocean, a place of nowhere.... and then storm comes. After the storm, rainbow appears. She has lots of imaginations about the music.

I think she is excited with the composition homework this week. When I picked her up at school today, she started to talk about the whole tone scale and started brainstorming about clouds, say sunny day cloud and thunder cloud. Let's see how it goes this week. She is very enthusiastic with the whole tone music.

She told me she always has some music pop up in her mind and usually new melody.

Thank you so much for teaching Jocelyn. She is so happy she finally can have composition lesson after asking for 1.5 years! She really loves your lessons and looks forward to it every week.

Auckland, New Zealand, 7 August 2018

He seems to be more enthusiastic than ever for music, so I believe he is following his heart. I realized when [my son] started lessons with you that a few months later he might turn around and decide he wanted to do something else – but on the contrary he is now keener than ever to learn more music – so your connection with him is working. Please continue to talk to him directly about any problems you have with him – I think that will help him to learn more, not just about music but about himself and help him to develop as a person. (6 December 2011)

Thanks for your patience with [our son], and for being strict with him as you see necessary. My husband said that he was pleased to hear what [our son] has done in music for his compositions with you for the uni application. (20 January 2012)

Many thanks once again Bruce for your honest emails – and for guiding [our son] in his music and helping with all the other issues like disorganization that are not related, but you have seen and kindly offer him support in. (22 February 2012)

Suzhou, China,

Music performance lessons

I still tell people that you're the best music teacher I ever had. The only person who showed me what it meant to be a musician. ...Dinesh and I still have the best memories of you; we compare your skill and

arrangements to some of our favourite musicians and I reckon you could put them to shame.

Nilesh Fonseca, Auckland, February 2017

Thank you for the great news! It's surprise for us to hear [my sister] got merit on the exam too! But it's surely a good news for the Christmas! We also want to say a big thank you to you for teaching [my sister] for the last few years, she couldn't done it without you!

Auckland, 17 December 2012

AMusTCL

I would like to thank you very much for all your support. AMus resources were very helpful.

UAE, November 2016

I have recently taken the results from AmusTCL and I have passed due to your material which was very helpful! If I didn't study your notes I would never pass! Now I'm planning to study for LmusTCL.

Athens, Greece, January 2017

I commend once again, yourself and your school for bridging the gap between institution and student. You have basically given students the direction to success in a clear and concise presentation.

Nathan Peters, Cape Town, South Africa, March 2016

LMusTCL

Thanks to your material, I can now spot the difference between Schumann and Schubert piano scores (it now looks so obvious I'm embarrassed I hadn't got a clue before).

Hull, United Kingdom, 5 November 2012

I really wished to have called you but you'll be asleep at this time, so I didn't. I passed the LMusTCL with Distinction! I've scored 82 marks! I am yet to see the mark sheet but will send you a copy very soon. I have no words to thank you, even on behalf of my family. This happiness and success is incomplete without thanking you again and again!

Mohit Kumar H Dodwani, Hyderabad, India, January 2017

Thank you again for all you have done for me and always giving me such detailed and prompt replies. I really appreciate all you have done for me.

Weston-Super-Mare, United Kingdom, 8 November 2010

Thank you very much for all your help and guidance this year – as always, this has been more than appreciated.

Whangarei, New Zealand, 31 October 2008

Online comments by a former student:

“There is an on-line teacher in New Zealand who can provide resource materials and mark papers for a fee. His name is Bruce Baker and his organisation is Mediant Studies. I've been liasing with Bruce regarding the LMus and I'm most impressed by the help and resources I've received. If anybody else is hoping to do this diploma, I'd recommend this tutor. Apparently most first time applicants who take themselves through the LMus material fail.”

“Results came today and I'm glad to say I achieved 71% which is down to my e-tutor Bruce Baker's knowledge of the exam. I don't recommend anybody tries this exam without some help/direction; I've been teaching music for 20 years this year and I found the exam tougher than my degree finals, because the exam is from memory, whereas my finals weren't.”

Liz Monument on <http://forum.emusictheory.com/read.php?5,8511,8599,quote=1>