

## REVIEWS

### English lessons

Our entire family is grateful and delighted to have an amazing individual like you to deliver lessons to my son over the past few years, and we have been amazed about your depth and width of knowledge. Jack had significantly developed himself under your help, not just in terms of school marks, but also as an individual overall.

Auckland, 29 October 2020

Dear Bruce,

Thank you so much for teaching me this year. You have helped me so much in my reading & English. 😊

Last year for reading, I only got 69% percent in my exam, but this year, I got 85.5%!

I always got below 80% in my English exams, but with your help, I got 89.5% in my exams!! You have made me improve so much.

from Louis  
him



Auckland, 20 December 2018

Dear Mr Baker.

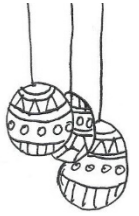
I wish you a happy new year and a Merry Christmas!

Thank you for teaching me piano, art history and English.

I'm really grateful that you are my piano teacher, since I don't just get to learn piano, but I also get to learn different techniques and the history behind my pieces.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Yours Sincerely,  
Zoey Zhao



Auckland, December 2021

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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

Auckland, December 2021

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

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.

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.

Auckland, 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.

Auckland, 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.

Suzhou, China, 22 February 2012

### *Music performance lessons*

You have been an awesome teacher over the years, I really have enjoyed my lessons and all the things I have learned its been great:)

Jess Haugh, Auckland, 16 July 2020

The three years that we spent together have been truly fulfilling, and I have learnt heaps from your extensive knowledge on both music and history. I really enjoyed your lessons as they are more than just piano playing, but also about building a better character.

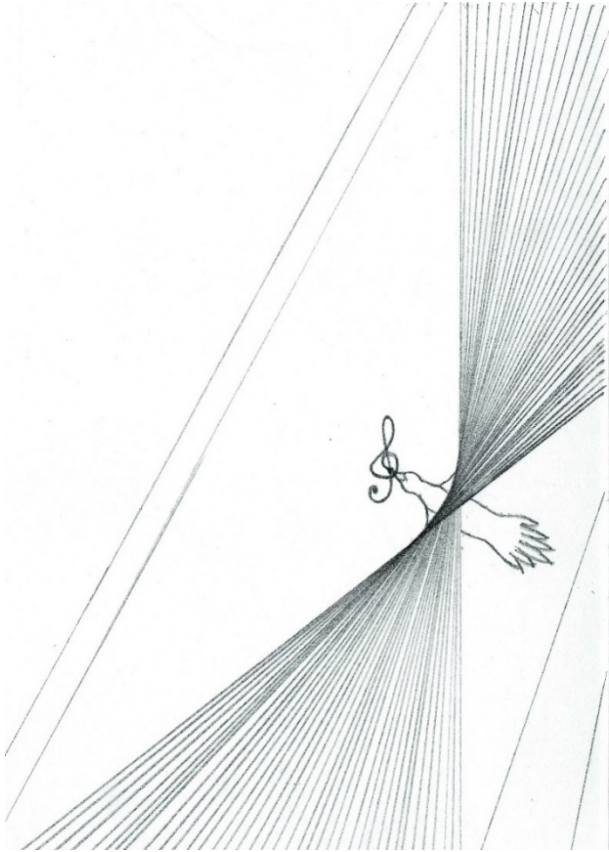
Leo Wang, Auckland, 25 January 2019

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.

N. 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



Dear Mr. Baker

Thank you for almost three years of piano and musicianship teaching. I am genuinely grateful for your professional knowledge and dedication, and I feel very fortunate to be your student. We shall keep in touch.

Hope you can have more brain-tickling and mind-focusing lessons!

Best wishes

Leo Wang

3rd of February, 2019



Auckland, 3 February 2019

### *Other lessons*

Thank you so much for teaching Tiffany and helping her for the exam. She enjoyed and loved your lessons! It is a great success that she has achieved so much in these few months.... [Her sister] Jocelyn has learned a lot from Tiffany's aural lessons too. She asked me to give her aural questions. I gave her some to try, it seemed that she was capable to do it. When I played a key chord, she recognized and named it by ear.

Auckland, 8 August 2019

Your memory is still very good, I am currently in the last year of my degree. I also found the assignment on Banský was insightful to me. I actually find myself going back to our past assignments as it is quite fun reviewing the things I have learnt in the past.

I wish you all the best Bruce, especially in your health and teaching. Students are lucky to have you as their English teacher, as your knowledge in English, art, music, gives information and comments that other teachers cannot.

Hopefully the next time I come back to NZ, we can find a time to catch up

Auckland, 25 February 2019

### *AMusTCL*

Wow!!! Just reading the introduction on this course I'm blown away. I have searched the whole planet for something like this. And have been doing the CityLit course but it's nowhere as good as this already with the marking criteria and terms to use. I'm absolutely thrilled to have found you! This is exactly what I needed. I'm so happy. Currently sat on the dining room floor printing. I will certainly pace myself to make sure I have completely understood each concept and tried some additional exercises and read those sections also in the books I have so by the time I come to submitting any assignments I will hopefully have grasped it. Thank you soooooo much for this.

Lancashire, UK, 25 February 2023

Thank you for the A Mus TCL material sent. Quite a lot of material. Your and your team must have spent a lot of time researching and preparing it. Will go through it.

Kuala Lumpur, 21 June 2022

Thank you for the wonderful material you have sent me. This is awesome. I will read and learn them one

by one.

Chennai, January 2022

This email just want to say a big thank you for assisting me to pass the AmusTCL recently! I bought your notes on October, 2020 and relied on the resources and notes from you, and obtained 61/100 marks in the exam held on May! I just want to thank for your detailed explanation on the notes, and sophisticated analysis of the exam strategies. Your resources even ignited my passion to advance to higher level of academic music studies

Fan Tsz Hei, Jeffrey, Hong Kong, July 2021