

# Why Summer Lessons?

## **1. Continuing lessons in the summer keeps students' skills sharp**

*Music is just like any other language – if you don't use it, you lose it...very easily. In continuing lessons through the summer, we are able to avoid the multiple lessons that it takes to retrieve skill and establish a practice schedule when returning in the fall.*

## **2. There is more time in the summer to practice & advance**

*Summer is generally less structured and there aren't a lot of scheduled activities. This gives the student the extra time he or she did not have during the school year to do that extra practicing. There is also the opportunity to schedule a 45-minute lesson instead of a 30-minute lesson. If you or your student have been wanting to make the change to 45-minute lessons, this is a great time to make that transition.*

## **3. Individualized lesson goals**

*During the summer session, students have the option to step away a bit from their lesson book and look at some "fun" music that they may have wanted to play for a while and just haven't had the time during the school year.*

## **4. Lessons available during the day**

*With students out of school for the summer, many or most of them are available during the day...and The Studio Connection's teachers are too! Lesson scheduling is generally much more flexible during the summer session.*

## **5. Time to make plans for the coming school year**

*Summer also gives students and teachers time to step back from their hectic schedules and talk about future goals (e.g., what to play for the next recital, as well as what competitions and/or festivals in which they would like to participate)*

## **6. Summer Recital**

*This is a great goal for students to reach at the end of the summer! Performing at this recital gives the student a sense of accomplishment for their hard work over the summer.*