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Show notes for  
**Feel Like a Fake...**  
*...Teaching Voice? Or Teaching Popular Styles?*

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TODAY: the thing we all experience from time to time. The experience of feeling like a fake.

- Who am I to be teaching anyone how to sing?
- If you're a good singer, you might doubt your teaching ability.

- If you're a good teacher, you might doubt your ability to sing different styles.
- You may have the old trope "Those who can't do..." in your head.
- Other reasons...there are many!

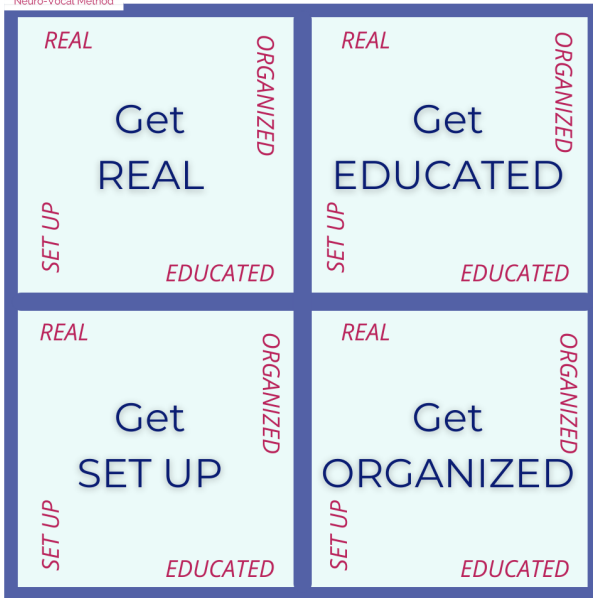
We can feel this way even if we LOVE teaching!

**We all** feel this from time to time.

**Often, the more** we care about being good teachers the more likely we are to feel like we're faking it sometimes. What's up with that?

### **Get 4 plan.**

If you've taken any of my classes, or read my book, you know that I like flexibility. Different people do things differently at different times. Rigid programs have never worked for me, and so I refuse to foist them on others.



### The Get 4 plan...

- can be very artsy, where you jumble all four things in a basket and take out little bits as you're ready to address them.
- can be linear; set up tasks and then break them down so you can check them off a list.
- is 4 categories. No particular order.

## 1: Get Real

*Make teaching real by separating it from yourself.*

- Separate finances
  - bank accounts: deposits/withdrawals
  - debit or credit card
  - records
- Separate space
  - Actual
  - visual
- Separate identity
  - Business name
  - social media presence
- Specific time
  - Business hours
  - Respect the business hours; punch out
- Policies for your employees (you):
  - Social media
  - communication boundaries
  - time off (vacations, sick days)

## 2: Get Organized

*Honor your work by organizing time & systems*

Make sure it makes sense to you.

- Organize time
  - Teaching hours
  - Admin hours
  - vacation and sick days.
- Organize support people
  - Childcare
  - Housecleaning
  - a standing date for Friday evenings at the Chinese restaurant.

## No. 3: Get Educated

*Fill on the gaps in your education*

Regardless of the source and level of your education, I'm going to bet that there are some things you **did not** learn in your formal education. Like how to:

- Manage finances
- Run a business
- Teach healthy singing for popular styles
- Teach...at all

Embrace it. Own it. Be curious and excited to learn. It doesn't mean you're dumb. When you learn the things, you'll feel better.

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## No. 4 Get Set Up

*Set up solid equipment, space, and systems.*

This crosses over with the others, but that's because I told you this was flexible. You might feel more comfortable with the following items in another category. It has to make sense to *you*.

- Set up gear:
  - Amplification system
  - Piano or keyboard
  - Laptop or tablet
- Set up apps
  - Calendars & scheduling
  - Sharing documents
  - Online interfaces like Zoom, Skype, Cleanfeed
- Set up systems:

Figure out how your systems are working for you, and where they are not. Reorganize, try the new way, and optimize.

This is something you'll do periodically throughout your teaching career.

- Money records

- Attendance
- Student progress or journals
- Goal setting
- Other things that matter to you

All this will contribute to you feeling like the amazing business owner and pedagog that you are! You deserve it!

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