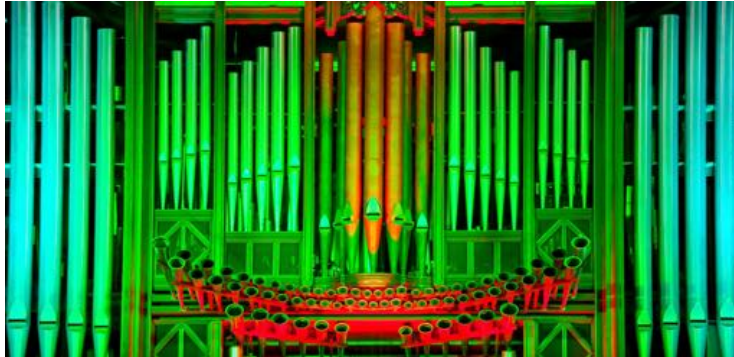


The STUDIO NEWSLETTER

Helen R. Weems Piano Studio *** Summer 2016

Baltimore Pipe Organ Encounter Announced!!



The Baltimore Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is hosting an exciting "PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER" (POE), which provides an intense introduction to Pipe Organ for piano students with no prior pipe organ experience. The POE is geared for teenagers 13-18 who have reached intermediate keyboard skills, and gives students both individual and group experiences touring and playing some of Baltimore's finest instruments and houses of worship. For the \$350 registration fee you get: housing at Towson University dorms (7/24-7/27), all meals, all transportation to organ presentations and crawls, lessons and presentations. Grace (Calvin) Ganel attended the 2005 Baltimore POE and loved it so much she traveled to Philadelphia the next year for that POE. Grace says: "The pipe organ is a fascinating instrument, and learning to play it is similar enough to piano that you can be really good, really fast. At POE, you get to learn how to play them, how they work, and you get to go inside them, which is the coolest thing ever."

Look for POE info on the dining room table!

Upcoming Dates:



Wednesday, June 22: Event for Adult Students

Wednesday, June 29, 6pm: MOVIE PIZZA ICE CREAM Repertory Class

Thursday, June 30: LAST DAY OF LESSON SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 5 - Monday, August 22: SUMMER SCHEDULE (\$45/hr, \$75/2hr, see Tip!)

Sunday, July 24 – July 27 Baltimore PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER

Wednesday, July 27, 10am: RITA'S Repertory Class

Thursday, September 1: FIRST DAY OF LESSON SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 4: KICK-OFF Repertory Class

SPRING REP 2017 WILL BE APRIL 23! (POLICY IS WRONG)

MORE PIPE ORGAN NEWS!



Nadia performed May 21 at her second annual AGO Young Organ Scholars Program! Her teacher, Wayne Wold, former Camp David organist, is on her left. Congrats, Nadia!

Practice Tip No. 14 for Parents – Summer Goals



Summer is a make or break time of the year for piano students. How sweet it is to take a break from responsibilities. How terrifying to start September not ready for any events, with the Keyboard Exam bearing down and no repertoire learned.

It takes careful planning -- and probably a few well-placed piano lessons -- to keep students balanced between "time off" and "taking advantage of summer." I will contribute by making myself available most summer weeks (especially on Mondays and Thursdays) and by offering three Very Important Repertoire Classes to encourage accomplishment and create some buzz: Movie-Pizza-Ice-Cream Rep (June 29), Rita's Rep (July 27), and Kick-Off Rep (September 4).

Further, parents who schedule two 60 min. lessons for their child within six days (i. e., the student is taking two lessons per week) will be offered a \$5 discount per lesson that week. Let's have some productive fun!