

# The STUDIO NEWSLETTER

Helen R. Weems Piano Studio \*\*\* November/December 2016

## CONCERT!!



The exciting, young pianist from Uzbekistan, **Behzod Abduraimov**, exceeded every expectation at HCC on Saturday, October 29. Just ask some of the students you see here in this Mob Scene backstage. Two more of our number were there but didn't manage to push the other students out of the way and get in the picture. It was a blast!

## Clavier's PIANO EXPLORER

Your beloved piano teacher has purchased for each student family a copy of Piano Explorer, a publication for piano students and published by Clavier Companion.

Each issue includes information about various keyboard instruments, composers, a piano piece by a student, puzzles, and the "100 Day Practice Challenge," where all students receiving the publication can download and print a practice schedule and have their teacher instruct them what activities each day can count toward 100 straight days of practice. Those students who complete 100 straight days can have their parents or teacher submit their name to Piano Explorer for publishing in a future issue. You can see names on p. 12 & 13 of the current issue!

Pick up your November issue in the studio

## RECOMMENDED

Legendary pianist Daniel Barenboim has a YouTube channel. Every week he posts a short video "Five Minutes On . . . ."

Each video is a gem. Mr. Barenboim has lived his life for music. He speaks quietly and thoughtfully, and plays examples.

Check [weemspiano.com](http://weemspiano.com) for a recent post and link to his channel.



## Upcoming Dates and Opportunities:



Sunday, November 6, 3pm: Brian Ganz @ Christ Episcopal  
Sunday, November 13, 2 & 4pm: Pradhanica! INDIAN TABLA & DANCE @ HCC  
Thursday, November 24: Thanksgiving Holiday (studio closed)  
\*\*\*Saturday, December 3, 3:45 pm: Holiday Repertoire Class\*\*\*  
Sunday, December 4, 7pm: GCMTA Outreach Recital @ Vantage House  
\*\*\*Tuesday, December 13, 7:30pm: Holiday Adult Student Repertoire Class\*\*\*  
Sunday, December 18, 6:15pm: Caroling Party (hot cocoa for carolers!)  
Monday-Thursday, December 26-29: Winter Holiday (studio closed)  
\*\*\*\*\* STUDIO DATES CAN ALWAYS BE FOUND AT [weemspiano.com](http://weemspiano.com) \*\*\*\*\*

## Practice Tip No. 16 for Parents – Three Little Things



Three things to help your child progress and get more out of their piano lessons:

1. Attend a piano lesson.
2. Come into the studio to pick up your child five minutes early, and ask for a summary of the lesson and the next week's expectations.
3. Sit down and listen to your child practice 15 minutes a week. Ask them questions about their assignment and the piece they are playing for you.

That's it! No need to be a pianist yourself, no special knowledge or extreme time commitment. These three little things, even just one of them done weekly, makes a difference in how prepared your child will be for their next lesson.

And it's not just for little kids. These things work for high school students, too.