

The STUDIO NEWSLETTER

Helen R. Weems Piano Studio *** September/October 2019

And Now, an Important Message



Welcome back to the studio. I hope summer was restorative for everyone.

That being out of the way, I expect to see all my students dive in first week of September and **strive to dispel the ogre of summer disengagement**. (A lot of my students didn't take any lessons over the summer.) I am curious to see what they are able to do toward their piano goals this week. I hope things like the **Keyboard Exam can be brought back to life** with some serious concentration and use of the highly valuable **Random Game**.

There is a further issue I have hesitated to mention but which is becoming a factor. My husband has a long term medical condition, non-Hodgkins lymphoma, the appointments for which are getting more and more intrusive in my carefully scheduled studio calendar. **A few students will need to be rescheduled a few times this year**. I regret the conflicts, and I will strive to reschedule your child as close to their regular lesson as possible.

I love what I do, and I normally avoid anything that interferes with the piano lesson schedule, which I believe to be at the heart of all student achievement. We have excellent support for dealing with my husband's condition, both medically and personally. I would prefer not compromise lessons (or his privacy) by discussing his condition at length.

One very promising thing this year is the **plethora of piano concerts** and master classes that you will find in your 2019-20 piano calendars and on the reverse. Do reserve them on your calendars for the transformative experience of **live, brilliant piano performance**.

I hope my students will hit the ground LEAPING AND RUNNING this fall, and we can indeed overcome the summer and make beautiful music this fall.

Onward!
Miss Helen

AN EMBARRASSMENT OF RICHES



September 29: Captivating piano duo Anderson & Roe will present one of their exciting concerts at Howard Community College as part of the HCC Steinway School Initiative Fundraiser. Concert is at 3pm.



Elegant Beethoven specialist and pianist Paul Lewis comes to HCC, as part of the Candlelight Concert Society (CCS) series, on Saturday, October 26 at 7:30pm.



And on Saturday, March 28, Behzod Abduraimov returns to the CCS series to thrill another audience, this concert taking place at UMBC's Linehan Concert Hall at 7:30pm.

In light of these precious gems, please know that CCS relies on donations from those who support the arts to maintain their ongoing concert series. This year the Angell Foundation will match new donations to CCS up to \$10,000 -- money that CCS desperately needs. Please consider a donation from your family. I have forms for sending your contribution to CCS.