

The STUDIO NEWSLETTER

Helen R. Weems Piano Studio *** November/December 2019

Gratitude



Everyone in this studio will be getting a personal card from me during the next few weeks. Still, I wish to acknowledge the deep kindnesses I have received from everyone in this studio: the cards, prayers, phone and email messages, flowers, food, musical compositions, messages conveyed to others in my life who should know. I've said for decades that I have the best job in the world, and the last few weeks have proved it again.

Robert R. Provine was a neuroscientist and an international expert on laughter and yawning. Most likely you have heard him on the radio, seen him on television, or read his words in print in major magazines and newspapers. He was frequently sought for lectures and keynote addresses on those two topics. He worked with a Nobel prize winner at Washington University in St. Louis, his first book "Laughter" was selected as one of 15 "must-read books" by the New York Public Library, and he was a favorite author of the eminent neuroscientist Oliver Sacks. He was also a jazz saxophonist who played with Oliver Nelson in St. Louis, he was a black belt in tae kwon do, a scuba diver, and he painted many of the images in the studio. He married your piano teacher in 1996, and he helped purchase the Steinway that year in lieu of a diamond. When we met, he owned the 1981 Glenn Gould recording of Bach's Goldberg Variations, and I owned the 1955. Pretty grand.

His obituary appeared in the 10/21/2019 Washington Post, and the 10/31/2019 New York Times. A Barney and Clyde cartoon featured him on 11/5/2019.



SLIGHTLY ALTERED CALENDAR!!

Saturday, November 16	2-5pm	GCMTA Master Class – Satava (Christ Pres)
Thursday, November 28		Thanksgiving Holiday (closed)
Saturday, December 7	3:45-5pm	Holiday Rep Class
Sunday, December 8	3pm	GCMTA Outreach Recital (Morningside)
Tuesday, December 10	7:30pm	Adult Piano Bar
Sunday, December 22	6:15pm	Holiday Caroling Party
Tuesday-Tuesday, December 24-31		Holiday (closed)
Saturday, January 18	3:45-5pm	Winter Rep Class
Saturday, January 25	1pm-6pm	GCMTA Story/Friends Fests (Christ Epis)
Sunday, February 9	7:30pm	GCMTA Outreach Recital (Vantage House)
Monday, February 17	12:45-2pm	B2N Rep Class THIS IS A CHANGE!!
Saturday, February 22	all day	GCMTA Judged Recital (1 st Pres HoCo)

PARENTS' PRACTICE TIP #30



REPERTOIRE CLASSES!!

This tip is a simple one: get your child to every rep class, and urge your child to be ready for as many performing opportunities as possible.

The frequency of rep classes in this studio is designed to help all students become more confident and skilled at managing anxiety and discovering what type of preparation works to allay worry. It also gives students a social reason to practice. I hope the early notice of these dates can help your family plan for 100% attendance at these important events. But there is a change . . .

PLEASE NOTICE THE B2N REP CLASS IN FEBRUARY HAS BEEN CHANGED TO FEB 17, 1PM.