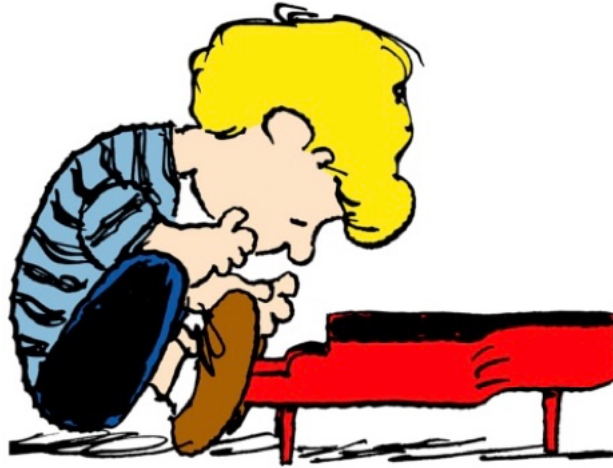


# "Typically,



lovers of something are not  
the people who already possess it  
but those who are hugely aware of how  
much they lack it –

and are therefore especially humble  
before, and committed to, the task of  
securing it."

-Alain de Botton



Sunday, September 4	3:45-5pm	Kick-off Rep
Tuesday, September 13	7pm	Adult Seminar (Chopin's Piano)
Sunday, October 9	3:45-5pm	Fall Rep Class
Monday-Thursday, October 24-27		MSMTA Keyboard (studio)
Saturday, October 29	7:30pm	Hamelin CONCERT (UMBC)
Sunday, November 13	3pm	Ganz CONCERT (Christ Episc)
Thursday, November 24		Thanksgiving Holiday (closed)
Saturday, December 3	3:45-5pm	Holiday Rep Class
Sunday, December 11	3pm	GCMTA Outreach (Morn'side)

### Parent's Practice Tip # 37:

## WILL YOUR CHILD TAKE THE KEYBOARD EXAM?



In this piano studio, all students are required to take the MSMTA piano examination to Level 5. But there are years that several factors indicate a child should perhaps skip the examination, especially when taking Level 4 or higher. Factors include:

1. Did your child take any summer lessons?
2. Did your child work independently out of the exam booklet over the summer?
3. Has your child made their Random Game: printed, cut apart, and in three containers (per the instructions on my website) and brought to the first lesson?

If your child has progressed to Level 4 or higher, and the answer to these questions is no, no and no, then we should seriously consider deferring the exam to next year. If the decision by the family is to take the exam regardless, then I will rely powerfully on the parents to ensure that daily progress is made toward the exam, starting today.