

The STUDIO NEWSLETTER

Helen R. Weems Piano Studio *** January/February 2023

Practice Tip No. 39 for Parents -

HERE (in the studio) and THERE (in the concert hall)



Bezhod Abduraimov, in concert @ UMBC Jan 21

Often I get a phone call before a lesson, or I call a family to schedule an extra lesson, and I hear "He/she is busy/stressed/just came home from Finland, hasn't been able to practice, so we'll skip this one/won't schedule a lesson/see you later."

Oh.

Is your child not practicing? Or are they practicing but not anything that will allow them to participate in the larger student arena? Or are they practicing with the wrong rhythm/wrong fingering/wrong notes/wrong hand position etc. etc. etc.?

Yes, there's a problem, and *it's avoiding lessons and rep classes and concerts and other outings that allow a child to build confidence, skill, momentum, and enjoyment.*

It's been a very, very rough few years for all of us. But not attending lessons and extra events that would support what is not going well actually compound the problem.

So, get the piano tuned (once a year minimum). And then say "YES!" to summer lessons, offered holiday lessons, concert outings, reps. Prioritize all scheduled lessons.

I need your help, to help your child.



Saturday, January 14	3:45pm	Winter Repertory Class
Saturday, January 21	7:30pm	Behzod Abduraimov, pianist @ UMBC
Saturday, January 28	11-4pm	GCMTA Story & Friends Fests @ Chr Ep
FEBRUARY SCHEDULE SEE BELOW!		
Sunday, February 19	7pm	GCMTA Outreach @ Vantage House
MONDAY, February 20	10:45am!!!	Back2Normal Rep
Saturday, February 25	all day	GCMTA Judged Recital @ First Pres HoCo
Sunday, March 5	all day	MSMTA Ensemble Comp @ UMCP
Tuesday, March 21	7:00pm	Movie Night for Adults
Saturday, April 1		Postmark deadline for MSMTA HS Exam
Saturday, April 1	7:30pm	Angela Hewitt, pianist @ HCC

February Schedule!!

I love spending February NOT in Maryland. The dream is sunny skies and highs in the 60s. Every February that I've spent in Napa resulted in unusual rainfall and cool temperatures. I have to do my part to save Napa! So I'm finally returning this year for two weeks. The changes to your children's schedule is minimal this year, thanks to some different planning. The changes commence after February 2.

- All lessons the week of February 6-9 will be regular schedule, and online only.
- The studio is closed the week of February 13-16 for annual vacation. Progress videos are encouraged and welcome!!
- The studio is open for in person lessons the week of February 20-23 and forward.
- Back2Normal Rep is that Monday, February 20, at 11am!!! And there is a GCMTA Judged Recital on February 25.
- Tuition for February remains normal amount.
- For adult students – there are no scheduled lessons for the month of February, and no tuition due.