

The STUDIO NEWSLETTER

Helen R. Weems Piano Studio *** May/June 2024

Message #45 to Parents

PLANNING FOR A GREAT SUMMER



I hope I see you and your child this summer, for at least a couple of lessons. Some distance from piano is great, but I hope your child finds a couple of pieces to enjoy this summer, plus makes some satisfying progress on the Keyboard Exam.

Here are things that actual students from this studio have accomplished over summer holiday. The students reported having fun, and felt ready for Fall events.

1. Learned to sight read – almost always with student-chosen literature and media. One used MuseScore on his cell phone at a keyboard in a camp, one played from a four-part Christmas book with small green print, yet another used graded sight reading books borrowed from me. This is an any-level task, depending on media.
2. Learned new repertoire for the next performance season – from fun elementary pieces in books like Contest Winners to a Bach Fugue for an advanced student.
3. Deep-dived into counterpoint – three students read through all the Bach Inventions during the summer. They then read through all the Bach Sinfonias the next summer. They now understand Bach's counterpoint in a personal way. This is an intermediate – advanced task.
4. Learned about classical sonata form – one student (and another is determined to do it this year) read through Alfred's Sonata Album, familiarizing with full sonatas by Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven. This is an advanced task.
5. Some of my former students still read through the Well-Tempered Clavier with me every summer. This is very advanced! But fun!

SO: HAVE FUN THIS SUMMER, **AND** MAKE SOME HAPPY PIANO PROGRESS!!



Tuesday, June 18	7pm	Adult Student Repertoire Class (studio)
Monday, June 24		Begin Last Week Regular Lessons
Wednesday, June 26	7pm	Movie Pizza Ice Cream Rep Class
Thursday, June 27		Last Day of Regular Lessons
Monday, July 8		Summer Lessons Available By Appt.
Wednesday, July 31	10am	Rita's Rep!
Sunday, September 1	4pm	Kick-Off Rep!
Monday, September 2		Begin First Week Regular Lessons
Sunday, April 21	3:15pm!	Spring Repertoire Class

Spring Concert 2024!!



I love these children.

Congratulations to everyone for lovely performances and awards earned by all. Special congratulations to those earning 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mentions at area competitions this spring, and to Matthew for earning the MSMTA Distinguished Music Achievement Plaque (and for playing the Winter Wind Etude by Chopin!)

Parents, if you have nice photos of the group, and of the reception, could you please email me full-sized photos?

XOXOXO, Helen