

The STUDIO NEWSLETTER

Helen R. Weems Piano Studio *** January/February 2026

Parent's Practice Tip # 51:

ALL THOSE CONCERT PROMPTS FROM MOI



I write and talk a lot about attending concerts. Those who attend are probably not reading this newsletter. Those who don't attend are probably not reading this newsletter. But just in case you are reading this newsletter, let me again plug the value in purchasing concert tickets and prioritizing attendance.

My late husband had a practice of asking applicants to his lab which psychologists or neuroscientists influenced them most. He was unimpressed when the student adopted a glazed expression, or said vaguely "I'm not sure." It's important to know who the North Star of your interests are, even if that star changes with every different exposure to another thinker, performer, researcher, or athlete. I'm sure my students can name their favorite basketball players or pop singers.

Can your child name a favorite concert pianist? If not, the good news is meaningful exposure can be had for a miniscule fraction of a Taylor Swift or Travis Kelce ticket, and with free, local parking! Adult tickets are between 20 and 45 depending on the series, and -- stop me if you've heard this before -- **ALL CONCERTS ARE FREE TO STUDENTS WITH EACH PAYING ADULT.**

Two fabulous concerts -- to inspire piano students -- remain on the CMM roster:

March 28 Anderson & Roe UMBC 7:30pm . . .



April 18 Behzod Abduraimov HCC 7:30pm . . .



I'll see you there!



THE LATEST IN STUDIO CALENDARS!

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| Jan 10 | Sat | 1:30-4pm | \$30/5 | GCMTA Master Class (1 st Evang. Luth) |
| Jan 10 | Sat | 4:30-5:30pm | | Winter Repertoire Class in studio |
| Jan 24 | Sat | 11-5pm | \$15 | GCMTA Story/Friends Fests (Christ Episcopal) |
| Feb 16-19 | | | | Studio Closed |
| Feb 22 | Sun | 1pm!! | | B2N Repertoire Class |
| Feb 28 | Sat | all day | \$20 | GCMTA Judged Recital (Mt. Hebron Pres) |
| Mar 1 | Sun | all day | \$15 | MSMTA Piano Ensemble (UMCP) |
| Mar 17 | Tu | 7:00pm | | Adults' Movie Night (movie/venue TBA) |
| Mar 28 | Sat | 7:30pm | \$45/0 | ANDERSON & ROE piano duo (UMBC) |
| Apr 12 | Sun | 3:15pm (3:30-5) | | Spring Repertoire Class in studio |
| Apr 18 | Sat | 7:30pm | \$45/0 | BEHZOD ABDURAIMOV piano concert (HCC) |
| Apr 25 | Sat | all day | \$20 | GCMTA Spring Competition (local venues) |
| May 2 | Sat | all day | \$20 | MSMTA Piano Solo Competition (UMCP) |
| MAY 3 | Sun | 7:15pm (7:30) | | SPRING CONCERT (Christ MEMORIAL PRES) |
| May 15 | Fri | 11:59pm | \$35 | MSMTA High School Exam upload |
| May 17 | Sun | all day | \$25 | MSMTA Gottlieb Competition (UMBC) |
| Jun 16 | Tu | 7:00pm | | Adult Student Repertoire Class in studio |
| Jun 24 | Wed | 7pm | | Movie/Pizza/Ice Cream!! Repertoire (BYOC) |
| Jun 30 | Tu | | | LAST DAY OF STUDIO YEAR LESSONS |