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In February:

Piano Shop Field  
Trip for Kids  
Adult Group Music  
Theory Classes  
Begin

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## Happy New Year to All! ...

### Practice Tip of the Month

Remember, practice doesn't mean to quickly play through your pieces one or two times! SLOW practice is the best way to truly learn your pieces well. FAST practice is the absolute worst way!

**Practice doesn't make perfect, it makes permanent.**

### Parents!

Piano practice requires discipline on the part of the parent, first and the student, second. *Try to set a regular time for practice and do not deviate from it.* It will become a habit after a while and teaches children a valuable lesson: that anything can be attained with hard work and consistent effort.

### January 20, 2010

Hello everyone,

Happy New Year, everyone!

Since many of you are asking, I wanted to let you know I *will* be moving back to the Boca/Delray/Boynton Beach area at the end of May...more details as they come along.

### Communication Is Key...

Parents—

Please feel free to speak with me about anything at all about lessons, and to give me feedback...in the past week I've gotten some great questions from a couple of parents...keep them coming! The teaching schedule is tight—the last 5 minutes of your child's lesson is always reserved to talk about any concerns you may have; if we can't complete the talk then, please call me when I'm not teaching (mornings are best).

—Your piano teacher, Miss Julie

### GROUP MUSIC THEORY CLASS FOR ADULTS

starting soon – see email for details, or just ask me in the lesson!

Group classes (90 minutes, 4 to 5 Saturdays) covering music theory scales, chords, intervals, modes, chord progressions, and more...

Recreational Music Making classes begin in February...  
More info @ [www.clevelandpianostudio.com/rmm.html](http://www.clevelandpianostudio.com/rmm.html)

All are welcome to join my group RMM classes starting in January—current adult students, parents, grandparents, friends—let them all know about my new RMM classes beginning next month.

These group classes are perfect for those who perhaps never thought of themselves as musical, or for those who played years ago and want to try again. Classes provide a fun, supportive, stress-free, non-pressured environment to play your favorite songs and relax and enjoy the experience of making your own music!

### Piano stairs (Rolighetsteorin.se)

—The fun theory

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2IXh2n0aPyw&feature=player\\_embedded#watch-main-area](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2IXh2n0aPyw&feature=player_embedded#watch-main-area)

Great Read:

*The Piano Shop on the Left Bank*

By Thad Carhart

A great book for anyone in love with the piano!

## For My Adult Students

### Our Next Adult Piano Get-Together Will Be a Workshop Format for Students March, Place, Time TBA.

This time it won't be a soiree but a workshop just for students (no friends, spouses, etc. this time around) to play for each other, get feedback and encouragement. You are all working on such a variety of pieces, ranging from 20<sup>th</sup> century music by Milhaud and Bartok, to a solo piano transcription of a Guns 'n Roses song!! It'll be a great workshop, stay tuned!

### FOR ALL STUDENTS YOUNG AND OLD: FAU CONCERT SERIES (FREE!!!) IN BOCA RATON, more info @ [www.fau.edu/music](http://www.fau.edu/music)

#### **Sunday, January 31, 3 pm** (I'll be going to this one, if anyone would like to join me):

Violin and Piano Recital  
University Theatre, FAU  
Pieces by Mozart, Waxman, Zwilich, Franck, and world premiere by Miguel del Aguila

### BOCA RATON SYMPHONIA'S FAMILY CLASSICAL CONCERT SERIES

#### **Saturday, January 16, 3pm**

"Peter and the Wolf" by Prokofiev

#### **Saturday, February 13, 3pm**

"Lincoln Portrait" by Aaron Copland in honor of Presidents Day

Tickets are \$8 for students, \$15 for adults  
Roberts Theater at St Andrew's School, 3900 Jog Road, Boca Raton FL, more info @ 561.376.3848

## Upcoming Events for Young Students

### JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2010

*Payments for the semester (or first half-semester) of Winter/Spring Semester are due by next week!*

#### **THIS WEEKEND! Musicthon at the Galleria in Fort Lauderdale**

Kids, come and see what fun it is to play in a mall! I would really like it if some of you are able to, to come and see some of the kids who are the playing at the Musicthon in the Galleria mall this weekend ([www.bcmta.org](http://www.bcmta.org)—click on Musicthon). I hope it will encourage and inspire you to sign up for next year. I'll be there, helping out with the event.

#### **Field Trip to Tobias Hamilton's Piano Shop in West Palm Beach**

Coming up soon...We will be having a field trip to a piano shop owned by my piano technician (the man who tunes my piano!). I will let you know the time, it'll be on a weekend—bring your questions about the piano—how it works, what's inside, how do they build them, tune them, anything goes!

Articles and ideas are welcome from all students of all ages, and parents too. Items for the newsletter may be submitted any time. Please submit via email, in person, or (gasp!) even by snail mail (see address at top).

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