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Practice Tip of the Month

Rhythm Action:

If the rhythm is tricky, stomp it or clap it or snap it—but whatever you do, sing/say the count out loud.

—From Parents Guide to Effective Practicing

Parents!

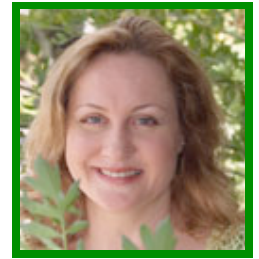
Give encouragement often. Use friendly reminders to practice. Avoid negative comments. Please don't ever use lessons or practicing as a form of punishment. Encourage home concerts for friends and relatives.

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Lessons in Delray Beach, Boynton Beach, and Fort Lauderdale



Happy (Almost) Spring to All! ...

March 16, 2010

Hello everyone,

Ahhh. Spring in Florida begins this Saturday. I barely will notice it! What changes? Um, it gets a little hotter!

I will be moving back to Delray/Boynton at the end of May. If any of you know of any rentals starting mid-May/June 1 (3 bdrm, ground floor), please let me know. All lessons continue at Ft. L studio/Laura Phillips' home through the end of May. Then they'll be in my new home studio.

That's when you'll all get to meet my Yamaha G1 baby grand piano (many of you remember the old Yamaha upright painted maroon. Maggie Riordan, one of my young students, now has it). Well, the Ft. Lauderdale students and Shelly have met already...)



DATES to REMEMBER for Parents of Young Students

Half-semester payments *due next week, Monday, March 22nd.*

No lessons *the following week of March 29–April 3 (Spring Vacation week)* (This does not apply to my adult students!)

Summer Semester (*young students*):
8 weeks, June 7–August 13
No lessons, weeks of *June 28–July 9—please let me know what your plans for summer are!*

Annual Spring Recital *will be in May in Delray Beach*
More details in next newsletter...

Left Top: Here's the piano on the day of arrival, being thoroughly inspected by my now rather large kittens, Stuey and Reeny.
Left Bottom: Reeny patiently waits for the teacher to arrive and begin the lesson.

Looking for a new or used piano?
Don't know where to start?
Check out *The Piano Book* by Larry Fine—The definitive guide for buying a piano. This book is in the waiting room at Laura's. It's also available at the Delray Beach Public Library.

For My Adult Students

OUR NEXT ADULT PIANO GET-TOGETHER! WORKSHOP OF PIECES THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 7 PM, HOME OF AMY FERGUSON, BOYNTON BEACH

This time it won't be a soirée but a workshop just for students (no friends, spouses, etc. this time around) to play for each other and get feedback and encouragement. You are all working on such a variety of pieces, ranging from 20th-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!

GROUP MUSIC THEORY CLASS FOR ADULTS

Classes start March 22 (Ft Lauderdale)
Group classes (90 minutes, 5 classes) covering music theory scales, chords, intervals, modes, chord progressions, and more...

NOTE: The Boynton Beach class has been postponed until June, 2010.

NEW!

Announcing both **Summer Camps** and **One-Day Workshops** this Summer for both Young Students and Adult Piano Students! (In addition to Recreational Music Making (RMM) Classes for Adults)

Young Students

Groups: Ages 5–6, 7–11, 12–14

Piano Practice Camp, Jazz and Improvisation, Composition Camps, and more!

Adults

Theory, Non-Jazz Improvisation, How to Play Piano with Lead Sheets, Pop/Rock Workshop, and more!

More info in the May/June newsletter, stay tuned!

Kids!!! Check out Virtual Flashcards/Ear Training at these sites:

Ear Trainer: <http://www.good-ear.com/servlet/EarTrainer>

Flashcards: click on "Trainers"—go to "Note Trainer"

<http://www.musictheory.net/>

Flashcards:

<http://www.musicards.net/>

Drills for Note Names/Piano Keys:

<http://www.emusictheory.com/practice.html>

FOR ALL STUDENTS YOUNG AND OLD: FAU CONCERT SERIES (FREE!!!) IN BOCA RATON, more info @ www.fau.edu/music Some upcoming concerts...

April 11, 2010

3:00 pm

Chamber Winds and Percussion Ensemble

April 18, 2010

3:00 pm

Symphony Orchestra, A Family Affair: Music that Moves Featuring "The Carnival of the Animals" and much more

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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).