



Noteworthy News

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Calendar of Events

Time of Music and Merriment!

When: Saturday, December 5th

2:00-4:00pm

Where: Hope Presbyterian
Church 159th and Center

What: Students get to share their talents with family and friends. There will be a sing-along with student's accompaniment pieces, and refreshments afterward. Please bring 2 dozen cookies or bars to share!

No classes December 21st - 26th

Christmas Carol Fun (answers on page 2)

How many of these Christmas Carols can you identify?

- 1. The apartment of 2 psychiatrists*
- 2. Sir Lancelot with laryngitis*
- 3. ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ*
- 4. The smog-less bewitching hour arrived*
- 5. Leave and do an elevated broadcast*
- 6. A joyful song relative to hollow metallic vessels which vibrate and bring forth a ringing sound when struck*
- 7. That exiguous hamlet south of the holy city*
- 8. Is it possible you perceive the same longitudinal pressure which stimulates my auditory sense organs?*

Christmas Carol Trivia

- 9. In the song "Jingle Bells, what kind of sleigh is it?*
- 10. In the carol "it's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" in the lyrics, what is the prettiest sight to see?*
- 11. In "O Little Town of Bethlehem", where do the silent starts go by?*
- 12. Which song is considered America's most popular Christmas Carol?*
- 13. What Christmas operetta song written by Victor Hubert is 1903 describes a land for boys and girls?*
- 14. Which popular Christmas carol is considered to be a lullaby?*



Announcements

Want free money? If you refer someone to my studio and they sign up for lessons, I will hand you a \$50 bill at your next lesson. Quick! How many people can you tell about Simply Music!?



Many of you have expressed how pleased you are with the progress your child(ren) are making with Simply Music. If you could take a few minutes to email me a written testimonial that I could share on the omahapiano.com website, I would really appreciate it!



Some of you pay me each month with electronic payments that arrive to my home before the 1st of each month. Consider doing this. You won't have to worry about the late fee, or writing a check. This can be set up through your bank.

Public Performance? What is the Good in it?

by Janita Pavelka, Simply Music Teacher from Oxford, NE and the first Simply Music teacher in Omaha

As adults, we can remember the times we had to perform in front of other people, whether it was show-n-tell in kindergarten, or a college music recital, all of these are important life-shaping experiences.

Being able to face the crowd is an imperative skill to possess. It doesn't come easily or naturally to most folks, but it is a skill which can be taught and solidified.

If the role needs to be "fake it til you make it", then so be it. There is value in treating the audience like a precious customer and giving them the best you've got.

We have not been given a spirit of fear or timidity, but of power, love and a sound mind. The more we act on this truth, the more we live it.

If we should "blow it" one time and fall flat on our face, so what? Get back on the horse. Forgive yourself, use it as a learning experience and move on. Prepare more next time.

Each experience builds on the next. Keep performing in front of others and watch yourself evolve before your very eyes. In this case, experience is the best teacher.

"Music expresses that which cannot be put into words and that which cannot remain silent."
Victor Hugo

Answers to Christmas Carol Fun

1. *Nutcracker Suite*
2. *Silent Night*
3. *Noel (No L)*
4. *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*
5. *Go Tell It On the Mountain*
6. *Jingle Bells*
7. *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
8. *Do You Hear What I Hear?*
9. *One horse open sleigh*
10. *The holly that will be on your own front door*
11. *Above thy deep and dreamless sleep*
12. *White Christmas*
13. *Toyland...little girl and boyland*
14. *Away in a Manger*



Practice tips...(from pianoeducation.org)

1. Unlike studying for tests or exams, piano practice cannot be crammed in at the last minute or day before the lesson. Plan the time to do practice every day.
2. **Above all, don't simply repeat mistakes.** Use practice to work out mistakes, not to reinforce them by continually repeating them. When you repeat mistakes, they are just that much more difficult to get rid of later.