

**Atelier Music
Studio of Ellie Sorota
Summer Newsletter I**

...Local Music Happenings...

Free Concerts

LACMA
LA Opera
Wagner, Highlights of the Ring Cycle
Time: 6pm
Date: May 23
Free

Ernie Andrews
Jazz
Time: 6pm
Date: May 28th
Free
Outdoors, pack a picnic!

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Friday Nights Off The 405
Ongoing throughout the summer.
World influences.

Hotspot

Harvelles
<http://www.harvelles.com/>

Recommended Concerts

Wagner Ring Cycle
LA Opera
Try to catch any part of this series. They've been preparing this production for several years now.
Now thru June

Daddy Long Legs
Broad Stage
A new musical receiving great reviews with a Broadway cast on our own Santa Monica stage.
June 17th-June 27th

Rachlin Plays Sibelius
Sibelius Violin Concerto and Stravinsky's Firebird – two phenomenal pieces.
May 28-30
Sting with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra
Sting is one of few performers who bridges the classical and rock worlds – a heavy foot in each arena.
Hollywood Bowl
June 15th

...Studio Announcements...

Travel Dates

The studio will be closed 6/04-6/20. Saturday students are highly encouraged to pick up an extra lesson on Wednesday or Thursday before I leave town, or the Monday or Tuesday I return, since it will be 3 missed Saturdays.

Any other students who wish to make up lessons for the time missed are welcome to; otherwise the cancelled lessons will be deducted from your monthly bill.

...Practice Tip...

Stretching

If you're practicing regularly for longer than a ½ hour, make sure you take time to stretch your upper body throughout your practice session. The upper body tends to begin tense up, especially if you're working on a difficult passage. Take a few seconds to stand up, stretch and take a deep breath between sections or pieces. Often, this will improve tempo and timing enormously.

Parent Involvement

Toby Perlman, wife of renowned violinist Itzak Perlman, has 5 children, all of whom are advanced musicians. Two of their children work as performers. She said that the greatest thing she's done to instill a love for music in them is to sit quietly in the room while they practice. Knowing that mom thinks practicing is important, and even enjoyable to listen to helped them find the value in it as well.

Lesson Planning

Many families keep lessons at their regular time regardless of travel. However, for the student it's best to have a few days to practice after the lesson to absorb new information and techniques. As you plan your summer, talk with me about a rescheduling a lesson several days prior to your trip and delaying the next one so you can practice enough to make it worthwhile.