

Music Studio of Ellie Sorota

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Winter II Newsletter



Curriculum Updates

With the New Year, just about every student will be starting in new books. This is exciting for the students and for me. Sometimes as a teacher I forget that we don't have to play every single piece in every single book! Students who feel like they've been playing the same material over and over again will have a refreshing start to the New Year.

Composition projects should be completed by February. Some of you are dragging this out – come on, folks!

Students will continue working on duets through the spring and will begin accompaniment work this summer (i.e. playing with an instrumental or vocalist).



Invoices

Will be emailed earlier this month so as not to get lost in the shuffle of my to do list! However, they're due on the 10th as always.



Practice Logs

New practice books are coming your way!! They will have spaces to log your practice time. Hopefully that will keep some of you at the piano a little longer!



Merry Christmas!

Recommended Christmas Albums

Fernando Ortego
Christmas Songs

Nat King Cole
The Christmas Song

Vaughan Williams
Fantasia on Christmas Carols

White Christmas,
soundtrack

Michael W. Smith
Christmastime

Bing Crosby
Anything!

Christmas Carols

I have to admit, I'm shocked at how many of my students aren't familiar with Christmas carols. Christmas carols are important to know for many reasons: they are referenced in literature, many of them are hundreds of years old and are therefore part of the historical music record, many are written by composers we know and love (Vaughn Williams, Handel, etc), and, of course they contain the Christmas story in their lyrics!

Here are a list of carols everyone should know. Sing them around the piano, in the car, gather some friends and go caroling:

1. Away in a Manger
2. What Child Is This?
3. Joy To The World
4. Silent Night
5. O Come, All Ye Faithful

You're Invited!

Join me Christmas Eve for a candlelight service at Westside Christian Fellowship. I'll be playing the piano and Noah will be on the violin. Hope you can make it! 2948 Colorado Blvd. Sat. Dec. 24th @ 6pm.

