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Hi Everyone,

I hope you've survived our wintry February and had some fun in the snow! I'm looking forward to a couple of events this March, as our semester picks up in pace. Our focus this month is:

The Movie Music Recital



When

Saturday, March 30th, 12 noon

Where

Swarthout Recital Hall, Murphy Hall, KU

Attire

Semi-formal (no sneakers or jeans, please!)

There is no dress rehearsal for this recital, and music does not have to be memorized.

Please plan to be in Swarthout 15 minutes before the recital starts.

Join us for a small reception afterwards. Drinks and utensils will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite snack to help us celebrate.

See you there!

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MTNA

In 1876, Theodore Presser and 62 of his colleagues founded the Music Teachers National Association with the purpose of advancing the value of music study and music-making to society while supporting the careers and professionalism of teachers of music.

Today, MTNA has cemented its role as an organization essential not only to the professional and individual well-being of music-teaching professionals, but also a vital partner in their growth and development. It provides both a collective voice for teachers worldwide and a powerful alliance with a highly prestigious and influential group.

With nearly 22,000 members in 50 states—and more than 500 local affiliates—the MTNA is the preeminent source for music teacher support, where members embody like-minded values and commitment to their students, colleagues and society as a whole, while reaping the rewards of collaboration, continuity and connection throughout the lifetime of their careers.

I am pleased to announce the formation of KU's own collegiate MTNA chapter. We are planning a series of masterclasses as our first event. They are scheduled to begin end of March. If you are interested in attending or participating, ask your teacher for more information. I'll keep you posted on dates, times, and opportunities to attend or perform.



March Practice Secret

Have you ever found yourself walking into your lesson, not having had enough practice time? Has your teacher ever asked you why you were underprepared? The week can sometimes fly by, and if you don't plan ahead, practicing can easily slip your mind! Here are some tips to keep yourself on the ball:

- Make a practice schedule. Have set days and set times where you will be at the piano, just like you have set days and times for school, dance, or sports.
- Make a practice chart. Use your assignment to make a list of the pieces, how many times you are to play them, and on how many days. Make a space for checkmarks, and maybe your parents can help you stay on track by offering you a reward for completing your chart by the end of the week!
- Ask your teacher if you can text them each time after you practice. It can be fun, and your teacher can offer you encouragement after every day, so you'll want to keep going.

Keep up the good work!

-Your Practice Buddy

Quote of the month:
 "You can't possibly hear the last movement of Beethoven's seventh and go slow."
 - Oscar Levant, explaining his way out of a speeding ticket

Upcoming Events

KU Concerts

3/9—Martin Katz, Piano, 7:30, Swarthout

3/27—Borromeo String Quartet, 7:30, Swarthout

KU Piano Majors in Recital

3/25—Yanan Wen, 7:30pm, Swarthout

3/27—Ji Hye Lee, 5pm, Swarthout

3/31—Ying Tang, 5pm, Swarthout

CMS Calendar Dates

3/11—4th tuition payment due

3/17-24—spring break—no lessons

3/30—Movie Music Recital, noon, Swarthout