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October News

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We're On The Web!

Welcome to our October Newsletter. I hope everyone has had an excellent start to the year. I have an exciting bit of news to share with you: we are on the web! You can find the new KUCMS website at www.music.ku.edu (KU's School of Music

website) in the "Programs" dropdown menu under "Piano." On the website, you'll find info about our programs and teachers, the complete calendar, and all of our newsletters. The Policy and Tuition contract and the Enrollment Form are on there as

well, should you ever need them for reference. I hope you'll check it out, and please feel free to pass it on to anyone who'd like to join us!

Yours,
- Olivia Jamandre



HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONCERT

We are celebrating Halloween, piano style! Our first recital is a fun concert where everyone will get to wear a costume and play cool or spooky music to fit the occasion.

When: Saturday, Oct. 27, 2:30 pm (plan to be there 10-15 minutes early)

Where: KU's Swarthout Recital Hall

Attire: Halloween costume

Punch will be provided for a reception afterwards, but feel free to bring your favorite treats to add to the mix.

See you there!





A HALLOWEEN QUOTE:

**"THE PIANO IS A
MONSTER THAT
SCREAMS WHEN YOU
TOUCH ITS TEETH."
-ANDRE SEGOVIA**



October Practice Secret

Have you ever played a piece that was pretty easy—except for this *one* part in the middle? Did you try to practice many times, starting from the beginning and struggling through it over and over again without any progress?

Sometimes tiny spots like that are really frustrating, and can take the fun out of playing the piano.

But wait! Don't give up. **HERE IS THE SECRET** to tackling little problem spots anywhere in your pieces:

- 1) Take out a pencil and circle the note, chord, or measure that's giving you a hard time.
- 2) Double check that you're playing all the notes correctly.
- 3) Begin playing one measure before the trouble spot, and end one measure after the trouble spot (don't play to the end of the piece!).
- 4) Repeat this *slowly* with a steady tempo 10 times in a row, without mistakes (if you make a mistake, even on the 10th time, start over again at 1!).
- 5) Use a metronome to go 1 or 2 clicks faster and repeat the above step until you've reached the suggested tempo of the piece.

Good luck and keep up the great work!

Upcoming Events



KU Concerts

10/26—KU SOM Symphony Orchestra Halloween Concert, 7:30pm, Lied Center

10/27—KUCMS Halloween Costume Concert, 2:30pm, Swarthout Recital Hall

10/29—KU SOM Undergraduate Honors Recital, 7:30pm, Swarthout Recital Hall



KU Piano Majors in Recital

10/24—David Fernau, 5pm, Swarthout Recital Hall

10/27—Chorong Jeon, 5pm, Swarthout Recital Hall

10/28—Kristi Baker, 2:30pm, Swarthout Recital Hall

10/31—Dessy Pranowo, 5pm, Swarthout Recital Hall



CMS Calendar Dates

10/8-10/9—Fall break—no lessons

10/15—2nd tuition payment due