My Music Journal

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My Musical Experiences:

Concerts: _____

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My Performances: _____

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A Letter to My Students

This journal will help you organize and enjoy your practice time. Here are a few tips:

1. **Make music every day.**

   Practice, practice, practice.

2. **Read your assignments.**

   Your lesson assignment is a guide for your week's work. Read your teachers' comments carefully and follow their instructions. Remember that your teacher has spent years learning to play and knows exactly how it feels to struggle with new music, taking their suggestions make your learning easier and help you bring the music to life!

   Although you will want to work on your favorite piece, always include scales, chords/cadences and arpeggios, technique and new pieces every day.

   Choose to review pieces that you already know for enjoyment, or even just review your scales. Often we forget to practice a piece at the most important time of all - after we've learnt it!

3. **Keep a record of your musical experiences.**

   When you learn to play an instrument, you join the world of musicians. Become aware of the music you hear around you and learn more about the artists who create it. Keep a record of concerts you have attended and the recorded performances and music books you enjoy.

   Record your own musical journey by filling in the list of your completed and favorite pieces. Keeping track of your own performances will help you to perfect them.

4. **Keep your music journals from year to year.**

   As you leaf through your music journals in the years to come, you will watch your skills develop, your musical interests blossom, and your list of favorite music grow. We wish you success and joy in your own special musical journey.

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A Letter to the Parents

Ways You Can Help Demonstrate the Importance Of Music:

1. **Encourage your child to play for others.**

   Every so often, ask your child to informally perform for the family and ask them what they learned in their lessons. Find out if your church or school will allow your child to perform.

   If you play the piano or another instrument, offer to play duets with your child. If you don't play, ask your child to teach you one of his/her pieces, or the right-hand melody to one of your favorite songs.

2. **Go to concerts together.**

   Take your child to concerts of any kind - perhaps the band or orchestra concert at the local high school, a symphony, jazz, or a summer music festival show.

3. **Visit an art museum.**

   Art goes hand in hand with music, so being aware of artists who were contemporaries of the composers your child plays connects the dots for them.

4. **Develop a culture of listening, reading and discussions about music.**

   Give your child an opportunity to listen to music at home. *Peter and The Wolf* (Prokofiev), *Carnival Of The Animals* (Saint-Saens), or *A Young Person's Guide To The Orchestra* (Benjamin Britten) are three charming narratives interwoven with the music. There are also operas, classical, jazz, musical theater, etc.

   Let them explore their own taste in music. Encourage your child to read about the lives of famous performers or composers. Watch for special performances on public television, or rent a music video. Some famous names are Vladimir Horowitz, Leonard Bernstein, Valentina Lisitsa, Evgeny Kissin, Yuja Wang, Lang Lang, and Vladimir Ashkenazi.

5. **Supervise practice time.**

   Your child is working very hard to learn art of piano. Make sure that you are performed periodically what your child is working on and watch him/her practicing with a positive attitude. It’s hard to find a balance between supervising and not having your child feel like you are constantly judging. Be patient and positive.

6. **Read Our Newsletters!**

   Our newsletters and calendar are on our website. Thank you for your support.

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