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"It is difficult to define what talent is. One must have it. But everything else is work; work and the courage after every disappointment to start all over again."

Gina Bachauer

December Recital/Save #10 Cans

Special points of interest:

- Oct 2 - Happy Birthday to Hudson
- Oct 21 - Happy Birthday to Luke
- Oct 22 - Happy Birthday to Sarah
- Nov 5th AIM Technique/Sight Reading Evaluation
- Nov 12 Patriotic Ensemble Recital
- December 1st Studio Festival Sign Up Deadline
- December 9th Winter Recital

Several bits of information:

First: As you know, we have our Mission: Music incentive well under way and for our Winter Recital on December 9th I would like to have a multi-cultural recital. If you have traveled to another country, or just have strong ties to another culture or country and would like to play a song from that country, **please let me know by October 10th** so I have time to find appropriate music. With AIM, Ensemble recitals and everything else, memorization will be optional for this recital. I would also love it if

you have souvenirs you would be willing to display at the recital.

Second: For our Group classes in November we will be studying Africa and be making drums. I would like the students to each bring a #10 can or the size that holds about 16 oz of applesauce or diced tomatoes. Soup cans will work, but I would prefer a larger can if possible.

Third: I've had quite a problem lately with food and cell phones in lessons. I would prefer that food, candy and soda pop be left at home,

in the car or in the piano bag. If you need to eat because you just came from school, practice, etc, please don't eat over the piano or computers. Also cell phones need to be turned to vibrate or silent mode so they don't disturb anyone else here in the studio.



AIM Technique and Sight Reading

AIM Technique and Sight Reading Evaluation is taking place November 5th. That is the 1st Saturday in November. I can't get you a specific time, but you can request a general time slot if you need to; be-

tween 8 and 10 am, 10 - 12 and after noon. I need to know by October 14th if you have a request and I should know by October 24th your actual AIM time. .

For parents and students: The

technique piece does not have to be memorized, but the scales, chords/inversions, chord progressions and arpeggios in all the different keys do. You now have 5 weeks. Good luck!