

WVMTA

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Program for our March 11th Meeting

Mark Your Calendar

3.11

Monthly Meeting

3.14

AiM Perf. Exam

3.15

AiM Honor Recital

3.21-25

MTNA National
Conference

3.22

Berkley/Pendell
Competition

4.8

Monthly Meeting

20/20 Vision: *Building a Foundation for Expressive Performance*

Imagine a student exiting your studio after a decade or more of study with you, moving from the earliest beginner stage to a capable, accomplished student. Do you have intentional strategies for how to achieve that vision?

In this session, Janna Williamson will discuss the importance of a clear vision and examine how having a vision specifically for expressive advanced performance can inform our teaching at the elementary and intermediate levels. Musical expression can and should be strategically taught at the lowest levels, and our own experience as more advanced musicians and performers should be incorporated in how we train even the least advanced students.

By way of comparison, Janna will perform a Bach Prelude from the Well-Tempered Clavier and a movement of a Mozart Sonata in order to compare them with lower level pieces, such as the Bach Minuet in D Minor, BWV 132, and the easy Spindler Sonatina in C Major (first movement). This session is intended to be exceedingly practical for all levels of teaching and will have direct applications for teachers using the AIM curriculum.

About Janna Williamson:

Janna Williamson holds piano performance degrees from the Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University and Wheaton College Conservatory of Music where she studied with Winston Choi and Karin Redekopp Edwards, respectively. She plays regularly in the Chicago area including venues such as the Chicago Cultural Center and has been featured multiple times on the Shepley Concert Series at Christ Church Cathedral in St. Louis, Missouri. Janna has performed in masterclass for Edward Auer, Kenneth Drake, James Giles, Martin Katz, Abbey Simon, and William Westney. She currently serves as a collaborative pianist for voice and instrumental music majors at Wheaton College's Conservatory. Janna has been an MTNA Nationally Certified Teacher of Music since 2004 and regularly presents programs to music teachers associations throughout the Midwest. When she is not seated at the piano, Janna loves spending her time with her husband and their four children. Her new website is: jannawilliamson.com

In light of judging the performance exams on March 14, consider using these phrases to encourage our students:

99 WAYS TO PRAISE CHILDREN



- GOOD JOB ■ GREAT WORK ■ GOOD EFFORT
- AMAZING ■ WELL PLAYED ■ I AM PROUD OF YOU
- DON'T GIVE UP ■ FANTASTIC ■ EXCELLENT ■ BRILLIANT
- YOU WERE INSPIRING ■ I BELIEVE IN YOU ■ YOU CAN DO IT
- BELIEVE IN YOURSELF ■ GREAT JOB ■ WELL DONE ■ WHAT AN EFFORT
- YOU WILL DO IT ■ SUPERB ■ YOU WORKED SO HARD TODAY
- YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE ■ I WILL ALWAYS BELIEVE IN YOU
- NEVER GIVE UP ■ THANK YOU ■ EMBRACE CHALLENGES
- I WILL SUPPORT YOU ■ I CARE FOR YOU ■ HELP EACH OTHER
- EXCEPTIONAL ■ YOU WERE OUTSTANDING
- TERRIFIC ■ PHENOMENAL ■ KEEP WORKING HARD
- DO YOUR BEST ■ THANK YOU FOR HELPING
- YOU ARE CAPABLE ■ YOU WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE
- WAY TO GO ■ YOU INSPIRE ■ I BELIEVE YOU CAN DO IT
- TRY YOUR BEST ■ I WILL HELP YOU ■ WORK TOGETHER
- KEEP FIGHTING ■ KEEP BELIEVING ■ WOW ■ AWESOME
- YOU HAVE MADE US PROUD ■ CONGRATULATIONS
- PERSERVERE ■ BELIEVE ■ WORK ■ CREATE ■ TRY ■ FIGHT
- I AM IMPRESSED ■ I LOVED THAT ■ HOW DID YOU DO THAT
- YOU CAN LEARN ■ YOU CAN IMPROVE ■ DON'T STOP
- BE UNIQUE ■ BE CREATIVE ■ BE YOURSELF ■ BE THE BEST ■ WONDERFUL
- YOU WILL FIGURE IT OUT ■ I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT ■ YOU ARE SPECIAL
- KEEP GROWING ■ KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK ■ GREAT DEVELOPMENT
- TREMENDOUS ■ INCREDIBLE ■ I COULD SEE YOU WORKED HARD
- YOU MAKE ME PROUD ■ GREAT IDEA ■ GOOD WORK ■ NICE GOING
- THAT'S THE BEST ■ YOU MAKE ME HAPPY ■ REMARKABLE ■ I LIKE THAT
- SUPER ■ YOU'RE PRECIOUS ■ THAT WAS A JOY TO WATCH ■ YOU DID IT
- THAT WAS UNIQUE ■ YOU MADE IT HAPPEN ■ COOL ■ LOOKING GOOD
- GREAT PROGRESS ■ GREAT DEVELOPMENT ■ YOU'VE GOT IT ■ GOOD TRY
- THAT IMPRESSED ME ■ GOOD FOR YOU ■ GOOD THINKING ■ HAVE FUN

