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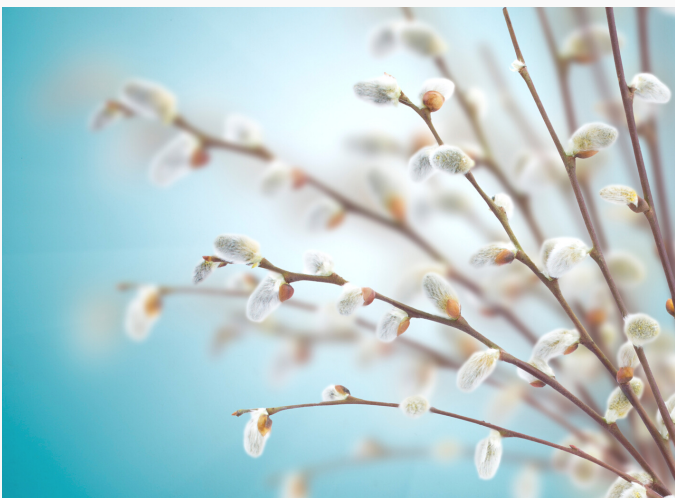
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*"Music is the language of the spirit. It opens the secret of life bringing peace, abolishing strife."*

*Khalil Gibran*



# Blues Review



## *We've Got the Blues*

During the month of February the studio, and hopefully your homes, were filled with the glum sounds of blues and jazz. We learned a tad about the history of blues and some of the elements that make it sound so unique. We strengthened this knowledge with lots of bluesy exploration, improvisation and piano pieces.

My younger students, still in the beginning stages of piano playing, might have not started with the blues exploration just yet. They will have a slightly briefer encounter with this music genre during the month of March.



*"The Blues is a mighty long road. Or it could be a river, one that twists and turns and flows into a sea of limitless musical potential"*

*Billy Gibbons*

# Composition Project



## *Let the Creative Juices Flow*

During this month, part of our lessons will be spent on a new composition project. Composing is a fantastic music learning tool, in which students

- learn, review and strengthen music theory concepts
- learn to tune into their creativity
- gain confidence

This year's composition projects will incorporate our newly acquired blues knowledge of course, which should result in some very exciting music masterpieces. Ideally the process will take the following steps:

- exploration on the piano with blues concepts/notes-add to worksheet (physical or online)
- fine tune the resulting piece, add details
- learn to play on the piano
- record the piece
- reveal all projects in an online composition showcase, ideally April 1st (more information to be sent out as we progress with this adventure)

As mentioned previously, older students will have the opportunity to choose between old fashioned, pen on paper composing or online software. Parental permission has been requested for the latter (please check your inboxes for an earlier email). Young students will be conducting this on paper, with lots of help and support on my part.



# Studio Closures/ Congratulations!



## March Studio Closures

Due to personal commitments, the studio will be closed for **March break March 11 to 17**, with **lessons resuming on Friday, March 18**. If you have lessons on a Friday or Saturday, and was planning to be away on the 18th or 19th, please let me know, so we can make alternative arrangements.

The studio will also be closed March 23 to 25, as I will be attending a workshop during those days. If you have lessons on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, I will get in touch with you to make alternative arrangements for the missed lesson.

Thank you in advance for your flexibility and understanding!

## Congratulations

With the excitement of the Holidays and the January lockdown, this announcement has been missed and is now long overdue. I would like, however to acknowledge the hard work of the four students who won the December Practice Plays Challenge. Congratulations to:

Adelaide O.

Danny F.

Isabella C.

Isabella F.

They each completed 6 challenges and won a \$15 Indigo/Chapters gift certificate



# March Dates and Events



## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Mar. 8

## WELCOME TO OUR MUSIC STEPS TRIBE

BRANDON  
NOURA



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Mar. 17



WE ARE DELIGHTED TO  
HAVE YOU AMONGST US!

## FIRST DAY OF SPRING

Mar. 20



## STUDIO CLOSED

March 11-17

March 23-25

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