

## Key Players Studio

January 2017 Newsletter



**Thank you!**...to everyone who helped before, during, and after our Christmas Open House! Your help was very much appreciated and made our first try at something new for our Christmas recitals a success!

**I.F.M.C. Festival is Coming!** This week, if your student is participating, you will be receiving your registration form via email for this year's Festival. Registration forms and fees are due by **January 10**. The dates for the 2017 Festival are:



**Saturday, February 25 (Hymn Playing, Piano Concerto)**  
**Sunday, February 26 (Piano Solo...PrePrimary - Primary 4)**  
**Sunday, March 5 (Elementary 1 and higher)**

Piano Solo and Piano Concerto events require memorization. Students are able to use music for the Hymn Playing event. Preparation for these events requires additional practice. I have posted some tips for practicing on our website and in the studio. We also have a practice event that will continue through the end of February! All of these things, along with support at home, will help us to do our best at Festival!

**Road Trip Practice Partner Event!**.... practice partners will share a car traveling from one side of the U.S.A. to the other....with stops at cities and towns along the way. There are four routes across the U.S.A...your route will be determined by the color of your team's car. Each route has 24 stops that you will make based on how much practice you put in...and whether you complete an extra practice activity each week. The practice event will stop at the end of February, with everyone receiving a treat based on how far their team's car has traveled! The travel map is posted in the waiting area at the studio. Happy practicing everyone!

**YouTube Channel**....Please remember that you are able to watch and listen to recordings of your solo and concerto pieces on our YouTube channel: KPPStudio.

**Additional Rehearsals for Piano Concerto**...Piano Concerto pieces require a bit of additional rehearsal in order to be confidently prepared for Festival. These rehearsals are, of course, optional. They will be held during the weekends of February 4-5, 11-12, and 18-19. Sign-up for exact rehearsal times will be sent out in advance.

**I.F.M.C. Composing Contest**...the deadline for submitting compositions is coming up quickly. If you need help finishing your composition, please let me know at your next lesson!

**Wish List**....during Festival preparation, we sometimes need a fun piece to keep us fresh and moving forward. A music "Wish List" can be found in each studio. Let us know what you'd like to play...we'll see what we can do! :)

**Group Lesson Week**...Our next Group Lesson Week will be March 6-10. This will be our March Madness Group Lesson Week! Sign-up for group lesson times will be sent out in February.

