



instructor corner

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Why We Learn GOAT Composers

When I first started learning how to play piano, I had no idea what classical music was. It wasn't until my first piano teacher introduced me to pieces by Beethoven, Mozart and Chopin that I remember thinking, "Oh! I have heard that piece in a commercial." Classical music is used so much that when we hear the famous theme that goes 'Dun Dun Dun Duunnn,' little do we know it is Beethoven's 5th symphony.

Why is classical music used to this day and why is it important? Well, I can say learning classical music has made me become a better pianist & musician. Classical music is known as its own language, and there are no words or lyrics in the music to know what is being felt. Back then, composers made their music difficult to learn, therefore it makes us musicians want to achieve these difficult pieces.

Not only does learning classical music help with becoming a better player, but it also helps to understand music theory. Music theory is especially

important when students eventually want to create their own music. Understanding how composers were able to create huge pieces will help when it comes to song writing. There are rules that need to be followed to create a piece of music and creativity.

Not only is it fun once you have accomplished famous pieces, but it builds up repertoire! I have students come into their lessons all the time wanting to learn Fur Elise, Clair De Lune, Alla Turca, Bach Preludes and so much more. These pieces are always requested not only because they are always played, but also because they are so difficult to accomplish. It always makes me so happy to see my students eager to learn about the greatest composers of all time because, little do they know, they are learning a new language.

upcoming events



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SAMA is closed in observance of Labor Day



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Maria Crystalia's Birthday

student of the month

“**Jurrien S.** has taken an important step in his development as a musician. He has been learning songs and riffs by ear. Our ear is our most important tool as a musician since the notation or TAB isn't always available.”

- Randy Naranjo, Guitar Instructor

