



2008 HONOURS RECITAL

The Honours Recital Committee is pleased to announce that the 2008 Honours Recital will take place on **Sunday, January 27, 2008** at **Steinway Hall in Irene Besse Keyboards.**

The recital will begin at **2:30 pm.**
Please make note of the time.

If you have any questions, please contact Rhona-Mae Arca at 201-6746 or vicepresident@armta-calgary.com.

HONOUR RECITAL APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Saturday, November 17, 2007. Info: Joan Bell, 289-7249.

Wonderful Web Resources for Teachers and Students

Here are some excellent websites that offer lots of suggestions for practicing:

<http://www.musicpracticetips.com/>

This site posts daily tips for students and teachers on practicing. The writer addresses various issues, such as how to break out of the procrastinating habit, practicing performing and overpracticing. Ben Clapton, the author, is a violinist, composer, teacher and student in Perth, ON.

<http://collaborativepiano.blogspot.com>

The Collaborative Piano Blog is written by Chris Foley, head of the voice department at the RCM Community School. He teaches piano, collaborative piano, chamber music, and vocal coaching.

This is an excellent site. Some of his popular articles include:

- 30+1 Ideas to Improve Your Practice Time
- 30+1 Memorization Tips
- The 5 C's of Learning Piano Technique
- 10 Ways of Improving Your Sight Reading Skills
- 8 Ways to Improve Your Mark in RCM/NMCP Piano Examinations

- 15 Ways to Add 10-minute Practice Blocks to Your Routine
- Organize Your Practice Time Like a Stage Director

In October, Chris did a month-long series called 31 Days to Better Practicing, tackling everything from goal setting to slow practice, and much more.

<http://www.dso.kids.com>

My students are having a blast with this site, developed by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. In the Students' Lounge, students of all ages can learn about various instruments and composers. In the Games Area, they can try their hand at Beethoven Baseball, which is a hit with my students – especially the ones who have been cringing at my web research projects on composers and music genres. Getting these kids to learn about the composers through a baseball game just seems to do it for them. Music Match, Hangman and Word Scramble have also gotten five stars from my students.

The Teachers' Lounge includes the Composer and Instrument encyclopedias, in addition to lesson plans, manuscript paper and other resources.

Rhona-Mae Arca