

Master Class

A master class helps with the second and third steps in the music learning process: performance and review. In the master class, students get to perform for one another. The students learn how to give constructive feedback and observe the teacher coaching students to improve the piano piece in some way. In a master class, the audience is just as important as the performer and both are necessary to have a great master class!

The Music Learning Process:



A Deeper Learning Experience:

During a private piano lesson, students play a piano piece and receive comments from a teacher. When a student attends a master class, they gain a unique perspective; they get to hear someone else perform, followed by comments from the teacher. This makes a huge difference, because the students hear another student make a correction and the resulting improvement from the *listener's* perspective. When students are making changes during their private lesson time, they are often distracted by everything they are trying to do in the moment. By hearing someone else make those changes, they can focus all of their attention on the result and retain that experience as information to draw upon the next time they are asked to make a similar correction.

Benefits

1. Improves piano pieces to a more polished level.
2. Inspires students through hearing others perform.
3. Provides a clear goal for the student.
4. Builds confidence & camaraderie through support from fellow students.
5. Helps to make performing fun!
6. Students learn through observing the teaching of fellow students.
7. Students gain a lifelong appreciation of performing.