



I am really looking forward to our next event featuring Christopher Norton! He is making a special appearance for the San Mateo branch on Thursday, October 9, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. It will be held at the San Mateo Public Library in the Oak Room. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided.

Mr. Norton is presenting his new piano books, American Popular Piano – a revolutionary new course of study for piano, designed for students from the age of 7 through 18.

Written by Christopher Norton, composer of Micro jazz, in conjunction with Scott McBride Smith, American Popular Piano is already sweeping across North America, revitalizing piano studios and bringing back an enthusiasm for piano playing in even the most reluctant students.

Please open the attachment for more information about Mr. Norton and this program. Look forward to seeing many of you there!

Branch Recitals  
Denise Chevalier

I am very excited about our upcoming branch recitals.

Mark your calendar: The recital dates are: Sunday, November 16, 2008 at 2:45p.m., Sunday, February 15, 2009, TBA and Sunday, April 26, 2009, TBA. All three recitals will be at the Foster City Community Center, Wind Room, 1000 E. Hillsdale Blvd., Foster City, 94404.

I have some ideas about the dress code that I shared with our Board. We had a brainstorming session about recital dress attire and this is what we came up with!

Overall, it is preferred that boys wear dark suits and girls wear party dresses. Here is the minimum stage attire for a recital:

Boys: pressed dress shirt, long sleeve, tucked in  
dress slacks (not denim), pleated is nice  
coordinated dress belt  
dark socks  
black shoes (no treads, not athletic)  
tie or bowtie  
no jewelry for boys

Girls: dressy blouse, long or short sleeve  
Dressy skirt or slacks (not denim)  
If a very young girl, white socks; if older, natural toned stockings  
Black shoes (not athletic)

Jewelry: silver or gold toned necklace and/or earrings (one set), not multiple sets, not plastic

Practice your musical performance in your outfit so that you know how it will feel when you are playing.

I have also looked at the recital form and made a few changes. It is still going through the editing process, but you can read a draft of this. Check out the form on the Recital Hall page.

Once I am finished revising the recital form, it will be posted on the new website. We will let you know when this happens.

Hope to see you at the next branch recital.

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