

Mother's Day Concert a HUGE success.

Our first annual Mother's day concert was a huge success amid stellar performances featuring faculty members of the Academy. With repertoire ranging from Ravel to Elton John the show encapsulated the broad spectrum of musical styles taught at IBK, and provided the audience with a highly eclectic aural experience. Highlights of the show included Caroline Freeze's brilliant interpretation of Chopin's Fantasy Impromptu, Calvin Befus displaying his showmanship with a sampling of traditional fiddle music and Armiluz Taningco's sensitive rendering of three beautiful love songs from her native Philippines. Alex Cumming displayed his versatility on the drum kit throughout the evening, accompanying over half of the performers in a variety of genres. A jazz quintet comprised of Don Gowan (guitar), Brenda Stettner (piano), Jamie Meyers (voice), Academy student Kevin Bailey (Bass) and Alex provided excellent renditions of two Ellington standards and Mancini's Moon River. Lisa Ammirati's inspired arrangement of the Eagles hit Desperado, Ed Recto's outstanding adaptation of Miles Davis's Boplicity, and Dr. Chrysanthema Pashunkova's performance of the enigmatic Sonata for Violin and Piano by Ravel were also very well received by the roughly one hundred spectators in attendance.

The IBK sales team provided greatly appreciated support with Kevin Anderson demonstrating his top-notch sound mixing talents and the multi-talented Carlos Foggin bringing the most out of the concert hall's nine foot Steinway piano with a dazzling performance of Rachmaninoff's Prelude No. 5. Our resident photographer/salesman Robb Mann was also present to capture the entire event on film. The pictures turned out beautifully for anyone who would like a memento of a truly special evening of song.

Plans are already being made for next year's show which will hopefully be even bigger and better. A huge thank-you to all involved.

Scott Kerby
Educational Coordinator

Congratulations Andrew!

A big congratulations to Andrew Bartley on the release of his new CD "Another Place". Andrew, a guitar teacher at Irene Besse Keyboards, held his CD release party on May 20 in Steinway hall. The party was a huge success and Andrew dazzled the audience with his stellar performances. Way to go Andrew!

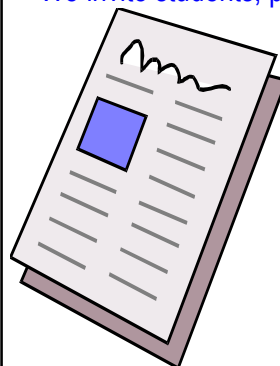


A Note to Our Valued Students

As an effort to develop further our relationship with our students and parents we will be printing a monthly newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter is to keep you well informed about your academy. We will include important dates, events, news about our products and services and keep you up to date on musical news in the community.

We invite students, parents and teachers to submit news, jokes, upcoming events and interesting articles. Any suggestions for improvement are also welcome! Please e-mail your submissions to Kristine@irenebesse.com.

Newsletters will be printed three days prior to the start of the next month so please get your submissions in one week early!



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