

# Jacqui's Piano Studio

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Dear Parents and Students,

Well now that the Holidays are over I'm ready for some more sunshine! It's nice to look ahead and see the days get longer. There are lots of fun events coming up 😊

This Fall students participated in the Halloween Piano Bash, the Holiday Playathon, a Group Class, and did Student Led Assessments. All of these events were fantastic!

There are many events coming up. We have the MONSTER FESTIVAL on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, a Master Class with Alex Peppe at Starbird Music on April 7<sup>th</sup>, Group classes during the week of February 11-16, the Senior Recital of Delaney Clifford on May 5<sup>th</sup>, and an Ensembles Recital on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please be sure to read about these events later in the Newsletter 😊

I want to **thank all my piano families** for their condolences and support during the week I was out due to my grandmother's passing. I am blessed that I could be with her in her final days. She is a big reason why I do what I do. She taught me how to play the piano when I was 7 years old and inspired me to keep practicing. I always wanted to play Sibelius's "Romance" because of her and I do. Ask me if you ever want me to play it! She was also an organist and pastor's wife. I miss her terribly but am thankful to have had the time I did with her. There is a picture of us playing the piano below.

I am looking forward to upcoming events in the studio so please put them in your calendars so that you don't miss any of these events!



## Make Up Lesson Days Coming Up:

### February 4

Make-up Lesson Day  
Register On-Line

### February 21

Make-Up Lesson Day  
Register On-Line

## Break

There are no lessons between February 18<sup>th</sup>-February 23<sup>rd</sup> except for Make-Up Lessons on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. To register for a make-up lesson, log into your account and register on the Calendar.

## Snow Days

If there is bad weather and I cancel the day, I will contact you through text and/or email. If I come into the studio I will offer Skype lessons.

**Please remember that even though students may miss a lesson, there is a lot more that goes into a lesson than just lesson time. I will still be lesson planning and preparing materials for future lessons.**

# Meet the Pianist

## Delaney Clifford

Age 17

### How Long have you played the Piano?

4 years

### What are the greatest challenges in your piano study?

Finding time to practice is hard because I am involved in so many things. I participate in Select Chorus, Portland Arts and Technology, Drama Club, Church Choir, Voice Lessons, and other various things.

### What is your favorite part of your piano study?

When I work hard and everything comes together

### Do you enjoy performing? What do you get out of performing?

I LOVE performing! Performing boosts confidence and gives me experience for the future. I am planning on going into music for a career so performing is definitely good for me.

### How often do you practice? What is your practice routine?

I try to practice every day but that doesn't always happen. First I warm up with scales or an old piece and then I go into my assignments.

### What kind of music do you listen to? Who are your favorite artists/composers?

I listen to literally everything. Right now my favorite artists are Delta Rae and Primus. I really enjoy Folk Rock Music and Jazz.

### What advice would you give to someone who is just starting to study the piano?

PRACTICE!

### What are some other likes and dislikes you have. Tell me a little bit about yourself.

I absolutely love doing yoga but cardio is not fun. I also like dance even though I'm not very good at it!



## Senior Recital

### Graduation

Delaney will be graduating from Bonny Eagle High School and also Portland Arts and Technology School in May of this year! She is planning to go to college for music 😊

### Lessons and Church

When I started at Standish Congregational Church in 2008, Delaney was only 7 years old. She was super shy and talked very quietly. Fast forward 10 years and Delaney is not as quiet! She performs as often as she can! She has been a faithful choir member, youth choir member, and song leader in the church throughout the years. She has sung in funerals, weddings, shows, open mic nights, played Holiday Parties, and more. Delaney is truly a performer and loves the stage. I see great things for her in the future!

# UPCOMING EVENTS: DATES AND TIMES

Jacqui's Piano Studio

👉 Put me on your fridge!! 😊

🎵 **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>-FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

🎵 Group Class Week/No regular lessons

🎵 Will email out schedule

🎵 **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>-SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>**

🎵 February BREAK

🎵 No Lessons except for Make Up Lesson Days on **Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup>**

🎵 Register On-Line

🎵 **SATURDAY MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>**

🎵 Monster Festival

🎵 ALL DAY

🎵 **SATURDAY APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>**

🎵 "How the Piano Works" Master Class with Alexander Peppe'

🎵 Starbird Music @5PM

🎵 **Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>-Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>**

🎵 April BREAK

🎵 No Lessons except for Make Up Lesson Days on **Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup>**

🎵 Register On-Line

🎵 **SATURDAY MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>**

🎵 Senior Recital of Delaney Clifford

🎵 Standish Congregational Church @2PM

🎵 **SUNDAY MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>-FRIDAY MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

🎵 Group Class Week/No Regular Lessons

🎵 Will email out schedule

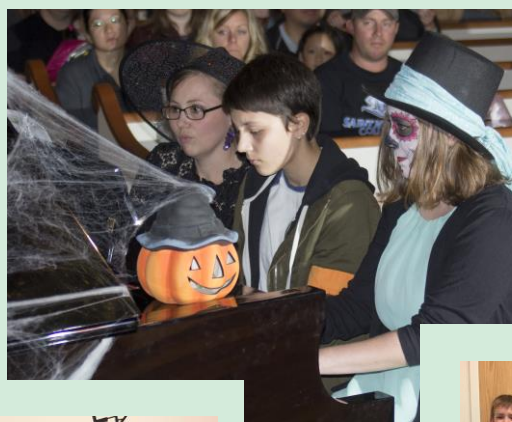
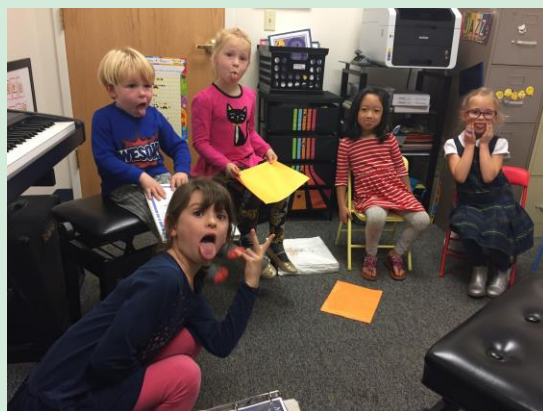
🎵 **SATURDAY JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>**

🎵 Ensembles Recital



# STUDIO PHOTOS!!

GROUP CLASSES//HOLIDAY PLAYATHON//HALLOWEEN PIANO BASH



# What's happening in the studio?

## Winter Birthdays

### January

- 1-Zahira Vasaiwala
- 2-Winnie Dubail
- 2-Lucy Dubail
- 3-Kameron Ali
- 4-Kelsey Nash
- 22-Lannie LaMontagne
- 25-Ethan Ali

### February

- 11-Celia Geci
- 17-Jacqueline Sirois
- 19-Quinn Cuneo
- 24-Georgina Swenson

### March

- 4-Emre Gunduz
- 25-Saige Lombardo

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

## 100 Day Practice WINNERS

1. Winnie Dubail
2. Lucy Dubail
3. Amelia Tu
4. Josie Welch
5. Lannie LaMontagne
6. Anna Di Cristofaro

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

## What is the MONSTER FESTIVAL???

The Monster Festival is an event that the Maine Music Teachers Association puts on bi-annually for students in Maine. Students prepare 2-3 duets and/or trios that they will perform with 10-20 other students all at once. They will perform on a stage with many pianos and a conductor. This gives students a chance to perform in an ensemble setting and it is a blast!

The festival is all day long. Practice starts at 8:30AM and concert is at 5:30PM.



## PIANO OLYMPICS INFO

- ☞ There should be a PIANO OLYMPICS check list in student's binders
- ☞ If students do listening assignments or read piano explorers, **please check off** what they have done.
- ☞ If students do all 10 events they will receive a GOLD medal at the ENSEMBLES Recital, 9 events they will receive a Silver, and 8 events a Bronze. Any less and they will not be awarded
- ☞ The last chance to win the 100-day challenge starts this month!!!
- ☞ We will be doing many of the events in lessons and group classes