

NOUVELLES DU PIANO D'AUTOMNE

HEATHER BYARS, INSTRUCTRICE

RÉCITAL
18 NOVEMBRE
2018



CENTRE DES ARTS
DU CLAVIER DE
BIRMINGHAM
LEÇONS DE PIANO
POUR TOUS
LES ÂGES

MAISON
FONDÉE
EN 1996

PROGRAMME
GROUPE SCARY
RÉCITAL D'AUTOMNE
COMPOSITEUR
FRANÇAIS

Fall Schedule

September 24 - 28: Tuition Installment #2 Due.

October 8 - 12: **Fall Break. No Lessons.**

October 27: Scary Group Class. 10:00 - 11:00 am.
Please RSVP.

October 29 - November 2: Tuition Installment #3 Due.

November 5 - 9: Last Week of Fall Quarter.

November 12: Labor Day Holiday Makeup Day.

November 18: Fall Recital. 2pm. Episcopal Church of the Ascension.

November 13 - 19: Fall Quarter Makeup Week.

November 20 - 23: **Thanksgiving Break. No Lessons.**

Winter Quarter Schedule

Fall Recital: Viva La France

November 18, 2 pm
Episcopal Church of the Ascension

WHERE: Episcopal Church of the Ascension. 1912 Canyon Rd, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

WHEN TO ARRIVE: I will be there at 1:30. Students should plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before the performance begins to be seated. You may practice on the piano in the church during the 30 minutes before the performance.

DRESS: Students should wear dressy clothes appropriate for a special occasion. A beret would be charming if you have one.

AFTER THE PERFORMANCE: An award ceremony will follow the performance. Practice trophies are awarded after the Spring Recital.

RECITAL FEE: An \$8.00 per participant recital fee is added to tuition statements in the beginning of the Fall and Spring Quarters to cover recital expenses.



Bobby Cyr Our New Composer Friend

My search for level-appropriate French-themed music for our Fall Recital took me to the far reaches of the internet and spurred an exciting new collaboration with an accomplished French-Canadian composer. After downloading his eBook of beginning French Folk songs for my latest students, Bobby was curious to know who in Alabama had purchased his book. A quick google search led him straight to our studio. He reached out to me to discuss his piano method book that is currently available in Canada that he is translating and reworking to suit an American audience. He asked if I would consider providing a test market for his materials in the States, hoping to share his arrangements with my students and then receive feedback about real-world appeal and efficacy. I was thrilled to agree and delighted to make a new friend in a faraway place. Bobby has already sent us some Christmas carols and a book of folk songs. I'm sure this collaboration will prove mutually beneficial and enjoyable.

[Visit Bobby Cyr's Website](#)

New Credit-Card-on-File Payment Option

If you prefer to pay piano tuition by credit card, I can keep your credit card information on file with Square, and charge your card when payments are due. **You will never again have to remember to pay piano tuition.** Since there are too many billing variables to set up recurring payments at this time, this process will be done manually, each month, by me. Please remember that Square charges a 3.5% + .15 cent transaction fee for credit card payments and that amount will be added to all credit card transactions.

Card-On-File Process: I'll send out the tuition reminders like I always do. This will serve as your

reminder that your card is about to be charged. Your saved card will be charged when the payment is due. You can stop the process at any time, or take a month off, simply by letting me know. Just send me a text. Legally, I need written authorization from you. **To get started, fill out this PDF, print, and return to me.**

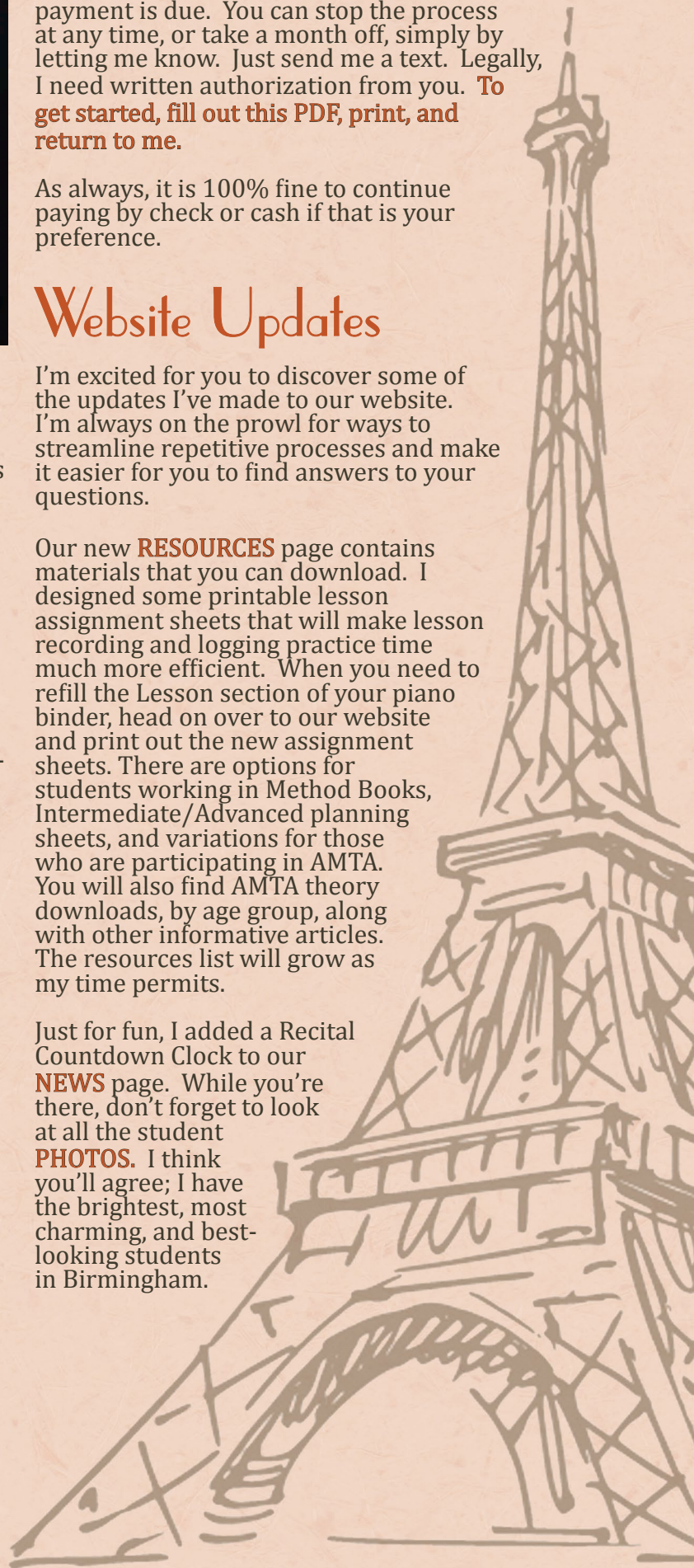
As always, it is 100% fine to continue paying by check or cash if that is your preference.

Website Updates

I'm excited for you to discover some of the updates I've made to our website. I'm always on the prowl for ways to streamline repetitive processes and make it easier for you to find answers to your questions.

Our new **RESOURCES** page contains materials that you can download. I designed some printable lesson assignment sheets that will make lesson recording and logging practice time much more efficient. When you need to refill the Lesson section of your piano binder, head on over to our website and print out the new assignment sheets. There are options for students working in Method Books, Intermediate/Advanced planning sheets, and variations for those who are participating in AMTA. You will also find AMTA theory downloads, by age group, along with other informative articles. The resources list will grow as my time permits.

Just for fun, I added a Recital Countdown Clock to our **NEWS** page. While you're there, don't forget to look at all the student **PHOTOS**. I think you'll agree; I have the brightest, most charming, and best-looking students in Birmingham.



Spooky Group Class

October 27, 10-11 am

Students
may wear
their
Halloween
Costumes.

We will be
performing
spooky music,
playing
terrifying
games, and
eating
creepy
treats.

RSVP!





Holiday Music

If you wish to incorporate seasonal music into your regular lesson repertoire, please purchase a Faber or Helen Marlais holiday book that corresponds with your current lesson book level. For your convenience, I have uploaded a list of recommended supplemental Christmas books to our website **RESOURCE** page. All books are available at Ellis Piano and on Amazon. If you are not working in a method book and need a suggestion from me, let me know.

I like to start working on Christmas music right after Halloween. That way we have plenty of time to explore the book before Christmas is upon us.

Christmas Music Resource List

Virtual Holiday Concert

December 13-19

The week before our Winter Break, I'll videotape holiday music that is performance ready and post it to our studio Facebook page for you to share with family and friends. If you wish to participate, please keep the deadline in mind as you are practicing. I'll send out a reminder the day before we start.

Holiday Hits Group Class

December 15, 10-11 am

We'll be decking the halls with Christmas carols, food, crafts, and fun. Students will perform their holiday music. Don your jolly apparel, I'll be taking lots of photos and videos. Please **RSVP** if you plan to attend.

Winter Schedule

November 26 - 30: Winter Lessons Begin. Tuition Installment #1 Due.

December 15: Holiday Hits Group Class. **Please RSVP.**

December 20 - January 2: **Winter Break. No Lessons.**

January 3 - 9: Winter Lessons Resume. Tuition Installment #2 Due.

February 1 - 7: Tuition Installment #3 Due.

February 11 - 15: Last Week of Winter Quarter.

February 18 - 22: **Winter Quarter Flex Week. No Lessons.**

February 25 - March 1: Winter Quarter Makeup Week.

Spring Schedule

March 4 - 8: Spring Lessons Begin. Tuition Installment #1 Due.

March 25 - 29: **Spring Break. No Lessons.**

April 1 - 5: Tuition Installment #2 Due.

April 6: AMTA District Auditions.

May 1 - 7: Tuition Installment #3 Due

May 5: Spring Recital. 2 pm. Episcopal Church of the Ascension.

May 13 - 17: Last Week of Spring Quarter.

May 20 - 24: Spring Quarter Makeup Week.

