

A Newsletter of the Rockland County Music Teachers Guild

Tuning Up!

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A Conversation with the Blues

by **Vince diMura**

The Influence of 19th Century Piano writing on Jazz Arrangements.



Exploring Blues Bass & Jazz Improvisation through the music of Charles Mingus, Thelonius Monk, Wayne Shorter & Miles Davis.

Wednesday -October, 5th - 10 a.m.

Rockland Conservatory of Music, Pearl River, NY

Calendar for 2016-2017

*October 5th- 10 a.m.

Vince Di Mura- **A Conversation with the Blues**
Rockland Conservatory

October 23rd Sunday 4 p.m.
Young People's Concert
Rock. Community College

*November 2nd 10 a.m.
Roundtable on NYSSMA
Rockland Conservatory

*December 7th 10 a.m.
Members **Roundtable: TBA**
Rockland Conservatory

*December 10/11
MARATHON at Palisades
Center Mall....10 to 5 pm.

*January 21st....., 6:30 pm
Winter Pot Luck Dinner
Home of the Waltzers,

*March 1st at 10 a.m.
Dr. Steve Moshman on
Composers' Secrets
Nyack Library, Nyack NY

*April 5th 10 a.m.
Roundtable TBA
Rockland Conservatory

*May 3rd 10 a.m.
Margarita Zelenai-
On Composition
Rockland Conservatory

*May 7th **Auditions- all day**
Rockland Conservatory

*May 21st 1 p.m.
Blue/Gold Recital
Rockland Conservatory

*June 7th **Luncheon**
location TBA

Letter from the President.....



Dear Friends! Here's an update from the front lines of at-home piano teaching. All my students arrived very rusty from their summer vacations. The upside is that they are all bright-eyed and ready to start fresh pieces. My challenge has been to find an attractive, do-able piece for each student.

I think I did pretty well. I got a little carried away with one student explaining roman numerals and chords. I went on a bit long over it, and he suddenly looked up at me and said, so sadly: "Are we ever going to play music today?"

So, yes, we ARE going to play music today!

And that's a good thing!Tedo

Young People's Concert

Sunday October 23 at 4 PM

Rockland Community College

Beethoven : Piano Concerto #4, John Arlievsky, piano
Student of Jan Deats

Vivaldi: Guitar Concerto in D, Ansel Bobrow, guitar
Student of Jonathan Trotta

Schumann: Cello Concerto. Melanie Sadoff, cello
Student of Carole Tilson

Bette Glenn Event!

Seniors!!! Ever tried Improvisation-not musical! Come and have fun with RCMTG member Bette Glenn who will be leading a Tuesday evening of Improv at the New City Library-October 11 at 7:00pm! No experience necessary. Bound to make you smile!

Biographical notes on Vince DiMura, veteran pianist, composer, arranger available at the Oct. 5th meeting.