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GP3 GOALS

- Share in concrete ways what we are doing in our day-to-day teaching
- Discuss how the direction of our field is affecting our approach to professional development, program initiatives, and teacher training
- Plan how we must contribute to the course of group piano and piano pedagogy now and in the coming years

WELCOME

Welcome to the fourth biennial National Group Piano and Piano Pedagogy Forum. We're delighted to have you join us, and we hope you will be stimulated by the presentations you observe and the interactions you experience.

This year marks the beginning of GP3's exciting new collaboration with MTNA—one that promises to help both organizations fulfil their respective goals with maximum efficacy. The focus of this conference remains firmly fixed on the practical needs of college and university teachers of group piano and piano pedagogy. Together we seek to serve, encourage, and equip one another to thrive and excel in our shared vocation.



Forum 2006: The Millennial Student

Kids. Gone are the ripped, grungy jeans and black-rimmed heroin-like eyes. Gone are the "it's all about me" attitudes and the sexually-free. Gone are the followers of Kurt Cobain and Marilyn Manson. Today's kids are different. A mystery to earlier generations, this child-proof age group is self-assured, stressed, and straight.

Born into an era of the wanted and watched child, these techno wizards accept authority, follow the rules, crave structure, and are smarter than they might first appear. Eight out of ten think it's cool to be smart. "Today's kids are on track to become a powerhouse generation, full of technology planners, community shapers, institution builders, and world leaders," says Neil Howe, historian, economist, and co-author of *Millennials Rising: The Next Great Generation; Generations and 13th Generation.* "Perhaps destined to dominate the twenty-first century like today's fading and ennobled G.I. Generation dominated the twentieth. Millennials have a solid chance to become America's next great generation."

Unlike their Boomer parents, Millennials enjoy older people and their heroes are often their grandparents. Ask them whom they most admire: doctors, teachers, scientists, and firemen. Influenced by the Columbine Massacre, the war in Kosovo, the Oklahoma City Bombing, Princess Diana's death, the purple-coated Barney, Pokéman, interactive TV, video streaming and MP3s, DVDs, microchips, personal computers, cell phones, beepers, space shuttles, stealth and smart bombs, and the Internet, this fresh generation of students believes that when they are raising kids and running corporations, technology will be better.

They consider themselves the vanguard of the new generation. Sixty percent think their parents expect them to meet a higher standard of personal behavior than parents apply to themselves. And only 24 percent are very confident in the long-term future of the United States or the long-term future of their generation. (Taken from a study of 655 Fairfax County School System students conducted by the authors of *Millennials Rising: The Next Great Generation.*)

This excerpt is taken from: http://www.itc.virginia.edu/virginia.edu/fall02/student/home.html by Kathleen Phalen. Ms. Phalen is syndicated with the Los Angeles Times, writes for USA Weekend Magazine, Ladies Home Journal and The New York Times. She teaches creative writing at the University of Virginia and at the University of Richmond.



MASTER SCHEDULE

EVENT LOCATIONS: All Friday and Saturday events will be held in **Catlett Music Center (CMC)** at the University of Oklahoma. Plenary sessions will take place in Pitman Recital Hall. Coffee breaks, social time and lunch will be hosted in Gothic Hall, the lobby area outside Pitman Recital Hall. All other session and event locations are listed in the program and on the accompanying small-group-rotation schedule sheets. The Ruby Grant Piano Pedagogy Resource Center, CMC 003, will be open Friday and Saturday from 8:00 A.M. until GP3 scheduled events conclude for the day.

EVALUATION FORMS: PLEASE take the time to complete the evaluation form in this packet, giving us your thoughtful responses to the events of these two days. Your comments will help us take stock and plan future directions. Please drop your form in the box at the registration table or turn it in at the Conference Wrap-Up on Saturday.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2006

7:00–9:00 P.M. Welcome Reception at the Residence Inn

Sponsored by Yamaha Corporation

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 – PIANO PEDAGOGY AT THE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY LEVEL

8:00–9:00 A.M. Pick up registration packets in Gothic Hall, entrance to Catlett Music Center

9:00–9:15 A.M. Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:15–10:00 A.M. Working with Special Needs Students

Tami Bush, learning specialist, counselor, school psychologist

An inside look at learning disabilities and other impairments. Experience what it feels like to be learning disabled. Learn to use music itself and simple modifications to remediate impairments such as ADHD and Autism. Explore the role music plays in learning, and the connec-

tion between music and the brain.

Reporter: Oscar Macchioni

10:00–11:00 A.M. Panel Presentation – Teachers of Special Needs Students Discuss Teaching

Techniques, Materials and Experiences

Panelists: Sue Steck-Turner: Asperger's Syndrome/Autism

Dan Craig: ADD/ADHD Cynthia Pullin: Dyslexia

Moderator: Susanna Garcia Reporter: William Budai

11:00–11:30 A.M. Coffee Break



11:30 A.M.-12:15 P.M.

Discussion Groups: *Talk with the experts about specific needs, concerns,*

and solutions.

Reporter: Julie Knerr

PLEASE ATTEND A SINGLE SESSION OF YOUR CHOICE, OR ROTATE THROUGH TWO, OR EVEN ALL THREE OF THE FOLLOWING DISCUSSION GROUPS, AS YOU WISH.

CMC 109

 Asperger's Syndrome/Autism and Working With Students With Physical Disabilities

Sue Steck-Turner, presenter

Presiders: Chindarat Charoenwongse, Karen Schlabaugh

CMC 128

■ ADD/ADHD and Other Common Learning Disabilities

Dan Craig, presenter

Presiders: Brad Beckman, Thomas Swenson

CMC 131

■ Dyslexia and Down's Syndrome

Cynthia Pullin, presenter

Presiders: Jon Ensminger, Ann Gipson

12:15-1:45 P.M.

Lunch on your own or pre-ordered box lunch in Gothic Hall

After a quick lunch, you may choose to visit the keyboard labs for one or both of these brief presentations. (No food or beverages in the labs, please!)

12:50-1:10 P.M. CMC 009

■ Integrating Smart Board Technology Into the Group Piano Lab

See how Smart Board, coupled with various group piano classroom hardware and materials, enables teachers to expand their repertoire of creative teaching techniques. The presentation will conclude with a video clip of Dennis Stanfil demonstrating applications of new keyboard technology for special needs students.

Demonstration: Courtney Crappell **Reporter**: Kathryn Koscho

1:10-1:30 P.M. CMC 008

■ What is Podcasting?

Find out how podcasting technology can enhance your teaching by sharing information with a worldwide and mobile audience.

Demonstration: Mario Ajero Reporter: Kathryn Koscho



1:45–2:40 P.M. Understanding the Millennial Student

Craig Vickio, Ph.D., clinical psychologist, director of the Counseling Center at Bowling Green State University (Ohio)

Today's "millennial" students have been characterized as diverse, achieving, sheltered, confident, team-oriented and comfortable with structure. Such qualities can serve to either enhance or hinder students' learning potential depending upon the teaching methods that we adopt and the learning environments that we create. This session is intended to provide participants with some insights into today's generation of students and to offer some practical tips for how we might most effectively work with them.

Reporter: Kathryn Duarte

2:40–3:00 P.M. Coffee Break

3:00–3:45 P.M. Panel Discussion—Teaching to the Millennial Generation

Panelists: Martha Hilley (Baby Boomer)
Pete lutras (Generation X)

Lauren Walworth (Millennial Generation)

Moderator: Michelle Conda Reporter: Kathy Thompson

Are our teaching methods in sync with the core tendencies and personality characteristics of the millennial generation? Panelists representing three different generations will address the challenges and opportunities of teaching millennial students.

3:50–4:30 P.M. Breakout Session

Share an assignment you give to your pedagogy students that relates to today's topics. Ideas include generational studies, collective learning projects, technology, disabilities, service oriented assignments or anything FUN!

Discussion Group Leaders: Cynthia Benson, Steve Betts, Linda Christensen, Valerie Cisler, Sylvia Coats, Meg Gray, Barb Hamel, Sam Holland, JeongSoo Kim, Carlyn Morenus, Lori Rhoden, Suzanne Schons, Rich Shuster, Melanie Foster Taylor **Reporter**: Erica Minneman

PLEASE CONSULT AND FOLLOW THE FRIDAY AFTERNOON SCHEDULE OF DISCUSSION GROUP AND ROOM ASSIGNMENTS (GREEN SHEET).

4:30–6:00 P.M. Wine and Cheese Reception

OU Museum of Art (across from Catlett Music Center) Sponsored by Music Teachers National Association

5:30–6:15 P.M. Shuttle service to Residence Inn; please sign up at Registration Table

6:00 P.M. Dinner on your own



SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 - GROUP PIANO AT THE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY LEVEL

8:00-9:00 A.M. Shuttle service from Residence Inn; please sign up at hotel front desk

New arrivals pick up registration packets (Gothic Hall)

9:00-9:10 A.M. Opening Remarks and Announcements

9:10-10:10 A.M. Panel Presentation—Group Piano and the Millennial Student

Panelists: Karen Beres, Victoria Johnson, Fred Kern, Jamila McWhirter, Garth Alper

Moderator: Lisa Zdechlik Reporter: Lesley Sisterhen

Five diverse music educators will present their research and perspectives on the needs of the

millennial group piano student:

Karen Beres and Victoria Johnson share their findings on how applied music faculty use

the keyboard as a tool in their teaching and in practice situations.

Fred Kern poses the question, "What are the needs of music majors in diverse specialties?"

and proposes corresponding goals for instruction that meets those needs.

Jamila McWhirter presents her research on the functional piano skills that secondary choral educators need and use in applied teaching and practice situations, and the keyboard skills

expectations partner teachers have of student teaching interns.

Garth Alper addresses how keyboard skills combined with technological savvy can lead to

improvisation and composition in popular and jazz styles.

10:10-10:30 A.M. Coffee Break

10:30-11:00 A.M. Breakout Session: Group Piano and the Millennial Student

PLEASE CONSULT AND FOLLOW THE SATURDAY MORNING

DISCUSSION GROUP AND ROOM ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE (YELLOW

SHEET).

Discussion Group Leaders: Philip Autry, Linda Beckman, Carol Bell, Judith Fear,

David Forbat, Carol Gingerich, Phyllis Hill, Leanne Kirkham, Guillermo Martinez,

Margaret Perry, Linda Owen, Tim Shook, Michael Sitton, Dennis Widen

Reporter: Lesley Sisterhen

11:05-11:45 A.M. Group Piano Teaching Topic Presentations

PARTICIPANTS WILL ROTATE THROUGH ALL FOUR PRESENTATIONS.

PLEASE CONSULT AND FOLLOW THE SATURDAY AFTERNOON ROTATION GROUP AND ROOM ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE (YELLOW

SHEET)



Group Piano Lab, CMC 009

■ Working Together to Learn: Cooperative Learning in the Group Piano Classroom

Alejandro Cremaschi, Christopher Fisher, presenters

An overview of cooperative learning theory and its practical application in the piano class, with video excerpts of instructional strategies in action.

Reporter: Grace Huang

CMC MIDI Lab

■ Applications of WebCT to Group Instruction

Pamela Pike, presenter

Use WebCT software to enhance the group piano experience for music majors and non-majors. Featured applications: posting video and PowerPoint tutorials, effective use of discussion pages, testing capabilities and limitations.

Reporter: Christy Vogt

Group Piano Lab, CMC 008

■ Using Recording and Sequencing Technology in the Group Piano Curriculum

Lisa Zdechlik, presenter

Interactive session demonstrating strategies for integrating recording and sequencing technology in group piano to further the development of comprehensive musicianship and keyboard skills.

Reporter: Siok Lian Tan

CMC 109

■ Interaction Analysis Software

Michelle Conda, Ann Porter, presenters

Observe and evaluate the teaching of group piano using software that records the frequency of behaviors and measures time usage in the classroom. Use a video camera and this software to orchestrate instructional time more effectively.

Reporter: Chung-Ha Kim

11:45 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Lunch on your own or pre-ordered box lunch in Gothic Hall

During the lunch hour, the piano labs (CMC 008 and CMC 009) will be open for informal visits. Courtney Crappell (009) will be on hand to answer questions about *Smart Board* and Mario Ajero (008) will be available to speak with you about podcasting.

1:00–1:40 P.M. Group Piano Teaching Topic Presentations

See topics and locations listed above with 11:05–11:45 A.M. session.

PLEASE CONSULT AND FOLLOW THE SATURDAY AFTERNOON ROTATION GROUP AND ROOM ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE (YELLOW SHEET).



1:45–2:25 P.M. Group Piano Teaching Topic Presentations

See topics and locations listed above with 11:05–11:45 A.M. session.

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(YELLOW SHEET).

2:25–2:55 P.M. Coffee Break

2:55–3:35 P.M. Group Piano Teaching Topic Presentations

See topics and locations listed above with 11:00-11:45 A.M. session.

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SHEET).

3:40–4:00 P.M. Open Forum: Conference Wrap-Up



Presenters

CRAIG J. VICKIO—KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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DAN CRAIG

Dan Craig has degrees in psychology and physical therapy and now teaches piano to individuals with physical, cognitive, and psychiatric disabilities. He uses these strategies while working with the "well" population. His recent research has explored the integration of music and piano education into activities experienced in everyday living.



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