

# The Piano Post

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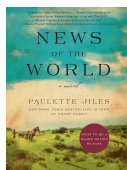
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## Best of 2023

Jeremy Denk c.1300-c.2000



We are at the beginning of a new year, and like most of you, I am taking one last look at the past year. This is a bit of a ramble away from pianos, but that's kind of where I'm at today. Now, some of these things are not necessarily new in 2023, but were new to me in 2023.

**Documentary:** American Grand. This is on Amazon Prime for rental/purchase. I bought it (no more expensive than a DVD) because I knew I would want to watch it more than once and also thought it would be a good thing to share at a Piano Tech meeting. A shop of technicians restore a 1920s Steinway grand. Entertaining and informative.

**Best Books I Read:** They didn't come out in 2023, but I finally got around to reading them:

The Water Dancer by Ta-Nehisi Coates

News of the World by Paulette Jiles

**Most Enjoyable Music:** A while back, I recommended Jeremy Denk's memoir, Every Good Boy Does Fine, which I still recommend. I bought his CD, c.1300-c.2000, based on his Lincoln Center recital which covers the history of keyboard music 1300-2000. Granted, the first few are transcriptions of vocal music, but still, an interesting concept and a wonderful selection. Even more amazing, the recital was 90 minutes without intermission.

On a rather different tack, one of the best bits of information I found out was about recycling. Many of the bottles we recycle now have a plastic covering instead of paper or printing on the

### Updates for Me in 2024

I am not going to be one of those technicians who never retire. Now, don't panic, I'm not retiring yet, but I will be making some changes in the new year. So over the next 3-4 years, I'm going to cut back on some work. My husband and I help care for his Mom and my Dad, (who now lives with us also) so I will generally not be offering appointments that begin in the late afternoon. 2-2:30 will typically be my last appointment of the day. I hope this will not be too great an inconvenience. I know that some of my clients are not available until 3pm or later; I am just trying to finish up my day by 4 and not starting my last call at that time. I will say that many of my customers leave me access to the house and piano so that I can begin before they arrive home. Some do so and leave a check or I leave a bill. So there are ways to make it work. If that doesn't work for you, I'm happy to make a referral for you.

My rates will go up slightly this year. Tuning fees will range from \$110-160 + tax. If you are tuning regularly, \$110 will be the fee; the higher rates are for pianos that have not been serviced in a while. As before, payment will be check or cash. I don't anticipate any full retirement for 4-5 years, but will keep you posted. As always, thank you for your business!

bottle. Cleaners, some milk and juice bottles, etc. The coverings have to be removed in order for the container to be recycled! Who knew (not me)?! So, please take the time to do that.



Best food I ate last year: Well, I like to cook and discovered some really good things. First, if you like beans, check out Rancho Gordo beans at [ranchogordo.com](http://ranchogordo.com). You will not look at dried beans the same way. I also discovered a great recipe for CocaCola Cake, I think from the Columbus Dispatch, which was chocolatey and yummy, especially the icing. I recommend getting the Coke with real cane sugar (it's out there). If you like collard greens, I now recommend making miso ramen soup with the liquid and leftover greens. Pickup some miso paste at any of the many Asian markets around town to really make it work. I just use the cheap ramen noodles (added about 15 minutes before serving), w/o the so-called flavor packet since I'm adding my own: toasted sesame oil, fish sauce, soy sauce, fresh ginger, onions, mushrooms. Add a quart of either chicken or vegetable broth. If you like it spicy, some hot peppers are nice. Great for a cold night! And if you don't care to cook, we've discovered Ridiculous EatZ on West Henderson in the Northwest Plaza (around the corner from Lifetime Fitness). Try the shrimp an grits, mmmm>

I suppose I should add a piano tip. A good method for cleaning keys is a soft, damp cloth, well wrung out, with a little dish soap. A good preventative to keep keys clean; wash your hands before sitting down to play. Please do not write on the keys with markers or use stickers. The former is difficult to remove and the latter leaves a residue, also difficult to remove. Instead, write the notes on card stock and stick the cards behind the sharps. Easy to remove when no longer needed!

## Events

Rather than listing individual concerts, I have changed to giving you the links to the venues which will be more up to date. Remember, most College/ University recitals are free and open to the public!

### Otterbein University:

[otterbein.edu/drama](http://otterbein.edu/drama)

<https://www.otterbein.edu/music/events/>

### the Ohio State University:

[music.osu.edu](http://music.osu.edu)

### Capital University:

<https://www.capital.edu/academics/conservatory/>

### Ohio Wesleyan University:

<https://www.owu.edu/academics/departments-programs/performing-arts-department/performing-arts-season/>

### Professional Arts groups:

<https://www.jazzartsgroup.org/columbus-jazz-orchestra/>

<https://columbussympphony.com/events>

<https://promusicacolumbus.org/current-season/>

<http://agocolumbus.org> (Cols. Am. Guild of Organists)

## Piano Teachers

I haven't updated my list of teachers in a while. If you are no longer offering lessons, please let me know. In addition to this list, also check out the OMTA at [www.ceomta.org](http://www.ceomta.org).

### 43004 Blacklick

Katherine Wolfe 614-861-4569

### 43017-16 Dublin

Amy Laurence 614-764-2775

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### 43026 Hilliard

Debra Mattera 614-529-1133

Julia Bolton 614-465-7512

### 43064 Plain City

Laura Phipps 614-733-3770

### 43147 Pickerington

Laurie Loper 614-856-0826

### 43065 Powell

Sara Marie Brenner 740-938-9090

Trista Hill 740-363-5544

### 43081-82 Westerville

Debra Aichele 614-891-5303

Susan Treer 614-316-1019

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Encore Music Studio 614-882-6681

### 43085 Worthington

Janice Cook 614-848-3360

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### 43123 Grove City

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### 43209 Bexley

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Chambers Music Studio 614-525-0254

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### 43214, 43202 Clintonville

Margaret Atkinson 614-267-1726

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### 43229 Columbus

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### 43220, 43221 U.A., Columbus

Cynthia Adams 614-327-1395

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Liz Atkinson 614-485-9448

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