

The Piano Post

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Neater Resolutions for the New Year

Other than the the time of mental adjustment of using a new year to attach to checks and bills and such, January is also the time of resolutions. Resolutions are notoriously difficult to keep, so the trick with them is to keep them simple and to make changes that show at least some results soon to help with motivation. For musicians, this may mean spending more time with the basics; scales, arpeggios, breathing exercises (actually that one is good even for non musicians), setting aside time for practice and not getting distracted (hmm that one's good for other things too!), etc. For me as as a piano technician, it means keeping my records neater (I'm working on keeping more digital records in addition to paper as backup. Redundancy is a good thing in record keeping!), cleaning out my tool kit more regularly, cleaning the shop more often, making better inventory records, keeping up with continuing education, and so forth.



For the piano owner, I have a few suggestions if you do not already adhere to them. One is to regularly wipe down the piano keys. During the pandemic, I think we all got better at wiping down our instruments, especially if there was more than one player

Alcohol wipes or soft, damp cloths with maybe a bit of dish soap are both good ways to keep the keys clean. Hard to play those runs if your fingers get stuck to the the keys! And don't

Top Piano Albums 2021
Classical

Summertime
Isata Kanneh-Mason

Mozart Momentum 1785
Leif Ove Andsnes

Rapa Nui Odyssey
Mahani
Teave

Complete Beethoven
Piano Concertos
Krystian Zimerman

French Duets
Paul Lewis & Steven Osborne

Brahms Piano Concertos
András Schiff

Love Songs
Angela Hewitt

Chopin Nocturnes
Stephen Hough

Bach: The Art of Life
Daniil Trifonov

Mozart & Contemporaries
Víkíngur Ólafsson

neglect the sharps, including the sides, which can get particularly grungy. Washing hands before playing is also a good practice. Cory Care makes keyboard cleaner as well as cleaners for the various piano finishes, from flat lacquer to high gloss polyester (not to be confused with disco threads).



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Another tip for piano care is caring for the bench. Benches rarely last as long as the piano because they are often stuffed to the brim with not just piano music, but often other items (flashlights, notepads, CDs, school books, decorations of Christmas past, etc). Try to keep only music in the bench, or better yet, keep only a dust cloth and maybe your bottle of key cleaner and put the music in a plastic file box that accommodates hanging files. Much easier to find that sonata.



Periodically, check the hardware bolts and screws in the bench; you might just save yourself a fast trip to the floor.

And I'm as guilty as the next person putting too many non necessary, non music items on the piano (especially at Christmas), but one of my resolutions is to try to minimize the paraphernalia on top of the piano, whether grand or vertical. Declutter is a good word of the year for us all.

Happy New Year !

Updates

Two years in and while we have made progress, masks still are advised and I will be wearing one for the time being. I hope you are all staying safe and well.

Concert listings are still so fluid that I will not list any, but still suggest you check out events online as the best option for now. Some events are taking place with vaccination and mask requirements, but I can't keep track for sure. Check online for confirmations.

otterbein.edu/drama

music.osu.edu

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

music.osu.edu

<https://columbussympphony.com/events>

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

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