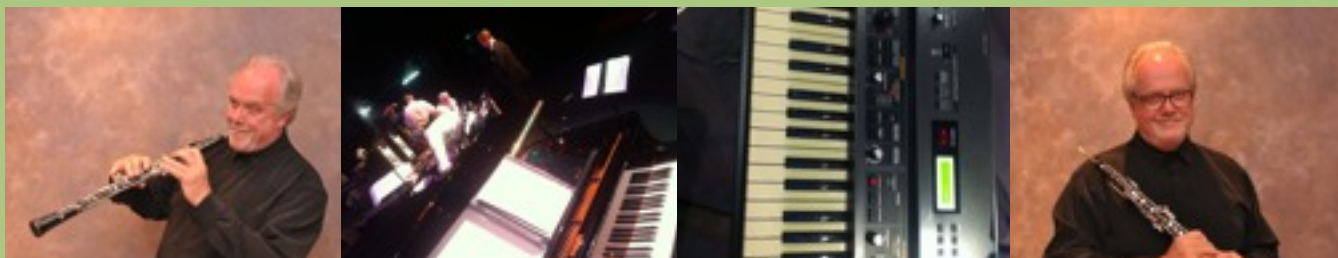


Musical Bumps from Tony



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Welcome to term 1 Tuition

Holidays always go so fast! Having a great time in the holidays also means that music practice sometimes slips. So bring on a bit of routine and some practice. Remember short, regular bursts of practice gain great results!



Welcome back to lessons in 2014. A routine returns to the week and the “snoozing in” ceases. I love getting back into all this at this time of

year. Sydney is so rich with musical events to see and hear! Just playing your musical instrument is not what it is all about. Exploring the sounds and the musical sights are what make us passionate about music in the first place. It helps keep the fire going within us. As a working professional musician it is as important for me to make sure my batteries are recharged here too. If you have never seen a symphony orchestra. Go and see the Sydney Symphony perform. Feel the power and the passion!! We have one of the best venues in the world! Go hear jazz or folk music. We have it all at our fingertips and most of the time it costs little or not very much at all. Get mum and dad to subscribe to Artshub. This is a great place to keep up with what is going on in the musical world. There are endless possibilities to help yourselves as learning musicians to stay “switched on”.

I remember at a very young age going to a concert at the Sydney Town Hall to see a concert of Arthur Fiedler and The Boston Pops Orchestra. My older brother bought us the tickets I believe. Wow, I did not know that orchestras could sound like that! It is important to always have that nice big, rich picture at the back of your mind and aspire to creating those sounds. This helps develop and inspire the musician within us.

Practice makes better!

Forget the “makes perfect” idea. Well as I said lots of short practice sessions per week will do it! You will get better. Make sure your instrument is easy



to get at. If you play a wind instrument leave it out of it's case and on an instrument stand. Make sure your music is on a stand. If you play a

keyboard or piano leave your music out. Play many times in a week. That's it. Keep it short but play lots! More tips coming on my website at www.tonygardner.com.au

Happy Practising from Tony Gardner