

Noteworthy News



President: Clorinda Moore

Website: www.mtaclb.org



President's Message

A thank you is in order to Sandra Barba for bringing Rob Mullins to speak at our January 9th meeting at Jennifer Watt's beautiful home.

Rob gave us an inspirational and entertaining program into the world of jazz! Another dialect in the language of music!

January 9th Meeting Summary

The general January 9th meeting was held at the lovely home of Jennifer Watts at 10:00 am. Thank you, Jennifer! Rob Mullins was our guest Jazz lecturer, comedian, pianist, and composer. His topic was from Classical to Jazz. He explained how Jazz is a different language than Classical, because of the pronunciation. Pronunciation being the phrasing, articulation, and most certainly accents. These techniques along with tone production can change the melody from the Classical Style to the Jazz Style.

By using CD's and careful listening, we as teachers and students can speak in the Jazz Style. Rob had several teachers play as he introduced us to his method books.

(1) "Let's Play Jazz" shows how to pronounce the RH and how to create a LH given 1 note, 12 bars I7, IV7, and V7.

(2) "Jazz Piano Voicings", is also available at Morey's Music Store. It showed how to play Jazz chords with an intriguing, neo-new age sound & how to switch the chord to the LH and improvise with the RH.

(3) "The Blues Step by Step" shows how to play the Blues. This could be a workshop for next year or take a private lesson from Rob. You'll find his 16 CD's, books, & further information on his web site: www.planetmullins.com

Thanks Rob for a super fun and informative meeting!!