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Dr. Ka Man “Melody” Ng is an award-winning pianist and researcher. Her appearances included broadcast performances on Wisconsin Public Radio and the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. Her research interests in bringing music and STEM together have recently won grant awards to establish musical programs. An active clinician for innovative remote piano learning and performance, she frequently conducted virtual exchanges between a US University and world institutions in the form of a live remote piano masterclass on multiple internet linked concert pianos with Yamaha Disklavier technology. She has presented papers and workshops in Europe, Asia and throughout the US. Her book chapter, “Listening to Live Music in Healthcare Environment”, written for European Perspectives on Music Education 6 is published in Austria. She serves as Associate Professor and Artist/Teacher of Piano at UAH, and is currently the Immediate Past President of the Alabama Music Teachers Association. Dr. Ng is on the Yamaha Artist roster.

Discovering Pedagogical Tools for Studio Piano Teaching

Although the changing landscape in the past few years has brought in challenges for music teachers to retain students in studio piano teaching, it also presents opportunities for musicians to easily connect across the world and disciplines, as we see in many virtual concerts and collaborations. This presentation shares a global journey together to discover pedagogical tools that are useful for studio piano teaching, particularly for intermediate to advanced level students. It features five elements (folk music, sonata, keyboard skills, online curriculum, remote connection) that can be suitable for piano teachers to use in everyday lessons to foster a better understanding in music theory and musicianship, performance and functional keyboard skills. Live performance excerpts and easily accessible online resources are highlighted in this presentation.



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