Nuggets of Wisdom for Pianists with Slobodan Zivkovic

Drawing on his long piano teaching and performance career, Slobodan Zivkovic will unravel the mysteries of how to lay the foundation of good piano playing by understanding the underlying technical issues that confront the performer and how to resolve those various issues.

There will be an emphasis on scale playing to address such areas as how to avoid stiffness and how to increase speed; how to produce staccato and legato; the correct use of the thumb; dynamics in scale playing; the "breathing of hands" during play; playing double notes, octaves and chords and most



importantly, how to practice. All these elements will be discussed and demonstrated. Understanding these issues will lead to improved overall performance. Some examples will be taken from the AMEB Piano Technical Workbook.

After discussion of technical issues and with examples from all periods, there will be a discussion on how to sight read and practice with counting aloud as an indispensable tool; the correct approach to a new piece including such rhythmic elements as two quavers against triplet quavers, the best approach to dynamics and tempo, how to perform rests and how to approach the *fermata*.

Lastly, Slobodan will talk about David Tong and Andrey Gugnin two interesting pianists who had different outcomes and finally he will discuss the difficulty that can be encountered in teaching young students of very ambitious parents.

Teachers are encouraged to bring along any piece they wish to have discussed and on registration, will be sent a list of pieces that will be used during the session.

Date: Sunday 28th July, 2019 Time: 1.00pm to 5.00pm

Venue: The Music Room, 131 Fiddens Wharf Road, Killara

Fees: \$40 MEMBERS AND \$55 NON-MEMBERS

Registrations close 12th July, 2019 - No late registrations can be accepted The MTA acknowledges the generous sponsorship of Pamela Hinde

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