

# DAWN'S DAWNINGS

## Competitive Sonatina Festival

### Where to begin with piano students?

When I first heard of this opportunity for my piano students, I was **clueless** as to where to begin. I had not grown up with such an opportunity, but had taught long enough to know that some students needed something long term to work on and master. I especially liked the given PPMTA list as it gave me some direction.

Remember: *For Primer through Class II, ages through 12, should you find a sonatina not on the list, you can call or email Dawn for approval.*

1. Start simple! Begin with young students. Don't even mention the word "competitive."
2. Graners Music has all the sonatinas in one section. Buy 2 copies of one piece.
3. Enjoy playing the sonatina you will introduce to your young student. (one copy is for you to prepare weekly before the student's lesson -you also start to build your own library of sonatinas.
4. When you play the entire sonatina for the student, capture the excitement of the title: "Red Sonatina" by Bastien, "Shaggy Dog Sonatina" by Poe.
5. You may even want to give them a choice as to which they like best!
6. Assure the child they will gradually learn the other 2 songs, called movements.
7. Have the student only learn the first part, or two parts, A and A1 the first day.

Should you want more hands on opportunity, join me Saturday, October, 9, 9:00-10:30 at Graners Music before the store opens to the public. Call or email Dawn at 598-2737, or [dsremtema@earthlink.net](mailto:dsremtema@earthlink.net) if you are coming.

### Stay tuned for more or Dawn's dawning in the next PPMTA email blast!

#### Available now at Graners:

Suggestion for intermediate ensemble playing: "Topaz Sonatina" -duet, by Robert Vandall, memorization not required for ensembles!

"Singer's Sonatina" for Primer/Elementary student by Mary Sallee-III movement for those young students who love to sing with their pieces!

"Sonatinas "-book 1, Mid-elementary, compiled by Helen Marlais and Crystal Zimmerman. There is one sonatina just using 5-finger pattern plus a great introduction to other sonatinas to help build for the future.

Enjoy!

**Stephanie at Graners arranged the Sonatinas according  
to our PPMTA Sonatina classification list!**