

Faculty Professional Development Seminar

PROFESSIONAL PARENT-TEACHER COMMUNICATION

A SEMINAR TO DEVELOP:

- Teacher-Parent Communication Skills
- Parent-Student interaction and reinforcement
- Parental involvement in the music learning process
- Parental support and enthusiasm for the school music program
- Students' Music performance, both as soloists and as team-players
- Understanding of learning styles and phases of progress
- Confident, polished and successful student performance

Staff - Parent Involvement Program

PARENTS ON-SIDE: HOW TO ARTICULATE THEIR ROLES

- Time-management to incorporate practice into busy life-styles
- Support daily practice to ensure absorption of lesson material
- Ease performance stress, ensure top performance
- Living with L-plate musicians; tactics to move faster through beginner student pain thresholds
- How to get parents on-side for motivation and progress
- Positive and negative reinforcement styles
- Tactics for various age-groups of developing musicians
- How Music Education ensures students' future success: Research cites the benefits of music education on brain capacity, inter-personal and social skills, motivation, discipline and presentation skills
- Positive parental support for exams, auditions and recitals

Learn ways to:

- Defuse potential issues before they escalate
- Handle intense and aggressive parents with gracious assertion and create Win-Win situations
- Relay positive feedback to results-driven parents
- Negotiate reasonable practice amounts
- Professional face-to-face meetings
- Build telephone rapport; curbing time wasting calls
- How to disagree tactfully, give space to save face
- Handling sensitive cross-cultural issues
- Handle parents from hell without sending yourself there!

"I enthusiastically support the work of Ruth Bonetti. She fills a need in the world of musicians with her teaching expertise, patience, understanding, creativity and charisma." – **Beth A. Ray, Assistant Professor: Voice, Ithaca College NY, USA**

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Give your students the tools to STAR PERFORMANCE!

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Ruth Bonetti, M.Mus, ARCM, A.Mus.A, APS

Seminar/Keynote Speaker, Presentation Skills Expert

Author of:

- *Confident Music Performance: Fix the fear of facing an audience*
- *Practice is a Dirty Word; How to clean up your act*
- *Enjoy Playing the Clarinet* (Oxford Univ Press)
- *Don't Freak Out - Speak Out; Public Speaking with confidence*
- *AMEB Series 2 Clarinet Grade Books* (consulting editor)

Ruth's seminars and keynotes cover the gamut from positive preparation to confident performance. Her practical solutions for performance anxiety empower musicians to project with poise, clarity and to shine on the platform.

Ruth has performed and presented Professional Development and student seminars extensively in Europe (speaking German, French and Swedish) and Australia at numerous universities (the Victorian College for the Arts, University of Queensland, Griffith University, USQ); and at leading schools across Australia (including Scotch College, Brighton College, Eltham College and MLC Melbourne; Canberra Grammar School and Canberra Girls' Grammar; SCEGGS and Trinity Grammar (Sydney), All Hallows, Ormiston College, St Laurences College in Queensland).

Ruth was a faculty member of Lutheran Summer Music Program, Minneapolis USA in 2000 and 2001, where her seminars were repeated by popular demand. Her teaching experience includes 15 years' at Griffith University, Queensland Conservatorium (clarinet and pedagogy) and adjunct teaching in Sweden, France, Germany and England.

Ruth's practical, do-able and empowering techniques enable teachers to bring out the best in their students and musicians to shine on the platform.

For information, bookings and to sign up for Ruth's free E-Zines:

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COMMENTS FROM RUTH BONETTI'S SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

"Ruth Bonetti was a faculty asset far beyond our expectations. She has a rare, perhaps unique expertise in performance preparation and conduct. Students responded so positively to her coaching and vibrant personality that we had to expand her workload and schedule additional sessions. I cannot say enough positive about Mrs Bonetti's work as a performance coach. What is striking is her deep, caring, yet realistic sympathy for her students. She is quite intuitive in understanding their emotional, physical and technical needs in preparing for performance. I know of no one else with her specific credentials."

Dr Victor E. Gebauer
Executive Director - 2001, Lutheran Music Program, Minneapolis, USA

Ruth was expert at including everyone in attendance and making it fun and helpful. Both faculty and students were caught up in her charming and sincere manner of presentation. It was a wonderful experience. I am happy to recommend Ruth Bonetti's work, both in print and her workshops/coaching sessions. She is making a much-needed contribution to our profession."

Mary Natvig, Ph.D. Associate Professor, Bowling Green State Uni, Ohio, USA

"Thank you for your terrific sessions. The feedback from staff and students has been excellent!"

Margaret Arnold, Director of Music, Methodist Ladies College, Melbourne

"I was most impressed with your presentation. It was well structured and designed to provide each musician with an immediate sense that he or she could improve, using the strategies you were offering. While the strategies I saw you presenting and teaching were for musicians, they are really generic learning strategies. It was presented in a credible manner and with high energy."

Merilyn Walsh, Head of Senior School, Ormiston College

"I find your book more useful to me on a daily basis than most I have read. I can also attest to the value of your performance preparation lectures. I appreciate your encouragement to those performers can who suffer from 'greeblies' to face their fears so that the artist within emerge."

David Oyen, D.M.A. Assistant Professor, Morehead State University, Kentucky, USA

"The students liked your lively interactive style, and the visual impact of the Power Point presentation. As always, I found the presentation to be well-organised and thought-provoking."

Gwyn Roberts, Senior Lecturer, School of Music, University of Queensland

"Thank you for the seminars you presented for the Music Teachers Association. It was a great afternoon, and I'm sure everyone came away inspired and ready to conquer their sabre toothed tigers!"

Miriam, Dawood, President, Music Teachers Association, Gold Coast

"Ruth delighted the participants with her infectious good humour and vibrant personality. Her presentations were a highlight due to Ruth's charisma, and her ability to involve everyone was simply amazing; she created tremendous debate and enthusiasm. "

Malcolm F. Potter, President, Music Teachers' Assocn., South Australia

"Thank you for your insightful and entertaining seminar. Your accessible techniques and 'common sense' advice provided a great deal of inspiration for further discussion and activities in the classroom."

Daniel Dries, Head of Music, SCEGGS Darlinghurst, Sydney

"Your help and encouragement gave me the confidence to change everything I was doing with my music. I graduated from High School and am now studying Music Education at Valparaiso University. The confidence you gave me shows now I might not be the best sax player in the world but I am proud of what I do. Thank you!"

Robert Chambers, Indiana USA

Email: "Just wanted to let you know that my district contest was yesterday, I had an ENORMOUS amount of poise and confidence, and they were the best performances ever! Both my solo and trio got the highest ratings possible of "I+". This wouldn't have been possible had I not been able to control those nerves. Thank you so much for your help this summer." – **John Allegar, USA**