Welcome Letter from the Director of the Piano Extension Program at UNH

Dear prospective and returning students and parents:

UNH’s Piano Extension Program (PEP) has been providing piano lessons and music education to area students of all ages and levels at a very affordable and attractive rate for over twenty years. Founded by the late Arlene Kies, former UNH piano faculty, piano lessons at the PEP are taught by a wonderful roster of teachers comprised of students and recent graduates of the UNH Music Department.

As the director of the program, I look forward to continuing the tradition while strengthening certain areas for the smooth running of the program:

- Online registration will open on **August 15, 2018**. Please click the link on our webpage to register.
- The rates will remain the same as 2017-2018 (please view “PEP Policy” for details).
- Students of Ms. Rebecca Austin can continue to register under her without the need to input the code again.

What’s new for Fall 2018:

- **There will only be two Performance Classes.** In the past, the first Performance Class would occur in the first week of October, which did not give students enough time to prepare. By eliminating the first class while making the two remaining classes longer than before (two-hour-and-half instead of two-hour), it is my hope that the classes will be more effective and focused.
- Students who would like to play in the Performance Classes will be scheduled in 30-minute groups, and the classes will be co-taught by me and teachers of the PEP.

On the following page, you will find the **Important Dates for Fall 2018**. Please do not hesitate to contact me (email preferred) for any questions and suggestions you may have throughout the term. I look forward to meeting you all and a fun, productive, and rewarding season of music making!

Sincerely yours,

Hsiang Tu
Important Dates for Fall 2018

August/September
- **Registration begins for the 13-week session: August 15**
- **Tuesday, September 4:** Lessons begin for the 13-week session
- **Sunday, September 16:** Registration ends for the 13-week session
- **Monday, September 17:** Registration begins for the 7-week session

October
- **The week of October 15:** 7-week session begins
- **Sunday, October 21:** Registration ends for the 7-week session

November
- **Performance Class #1, Thursday, November 1, 6-8:30pm, M-128**
- No lessons 11/19-11/25 (Thanksgiving)

December
- **Performance Class #2, Thursday, December 6, 6-8:30pm, M-128**
- **Winter Student Recital, Saturday, December 8, 3pm, Bratton Recital Hall**
- All lessons of the semester must conclude by Sunday, December 9