

We hope you all have enjoyed the past week.

Here is a **recap from our last CI Music Hour on July 29th with Kevin O'Connell:**

Kevin, originally from Grand Rapids, Michigan, has been playing the piano since the age of four. While he has a background in classical piano, he found his true passion when he began to teach himself how to play jazz piano. He has since played and recorded with several jazz trios and quartets throughout New York, and with individuals such as Billy Hart and Richard Davis. He currently resides in Chicago where he continues to enjoy performing in the jazz scene.

During the music hour, Kevin played a variety of tunes on the piano, including: "The Girl From Ipanema" by Antonio Carlos Jobim, "Lover Man" by Billie Holiday (arranged by Kevin!), "Historia de un Amor" by Guadalupe Pineda, "Golden Earrings" by Peggy Lee (arranged with a Latin-inspired groove), and "Fragile" by Sting. These pieces collectively represent the wide range of Kevin's jazz piano repertoire ranging from American Standards to Latin jazz.

CI using participants also shared their positive experiences listening to the piano with their devices. Many individuals agreed that the "crisp" notes of the piano were more pleasant sounding through the CI. Another participant explained his sense of hearing multiple instruments, such as the bass guitar and drums, when listening to some of the jazz piano standards. We also had an interesting discussion about musical memory. A couple of participants shared that listening to the same pieces of music repeatedly helped them to reconcile what they were hearing through their CIs with what they remembered about the familiar piece.

Our next CI Music Hour will take place tomorrow at 9:00am PST!

Please note the time change from our usual afternoon meetings. We will be welcoming world renowned Scottish Percussionist, Evelyn Glennie tomorrow for a discussion on music and hearing loss. She will also demonstrate some small hand held instruments during the session. Please bring your questions for her or send them to Julianne (jmpapado@usc.edu) ahead of time so she can incorporate them into the conversation! You can learn more about Evelyn's work and watch her videos on her website at <https://www.evelyn.co.uk/>.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at **9:00am PST tomorrow morning!** You can join the event via Zoom using this link:

<https://usc.zoom.us/j/547797159?pwd=Tk52c1JzZDFoRUhFNmFDNUUyeHJtUT09>

If it asks for a password, it is "Music."

Julianne & Chrysa