

Hello everyone!

Here is the recap for last week and what to look forward to next week!

CI Music Hour Recap 6/2

Last Thursday we had the pleasure of welcoming pianist Kevin O'Connell back to our music hour! Kevin performed two original pieces for the group along with some classic Antonio Carlos Jobim bossa nova tunes. He also played a duet with his daughter and our lab member Sam O'Connell, entitled "Meditation from Thaïs." Thank you for the music Kevin and Sam!

CI Music Hour Next Week 6/16

Next week, we are excited to invite vocalist, pianist, and hearing loss advocate Tom Tucker to our music hour! Below is Tom's bio:

"I'm Tom Tucker living in Los Angeles. I have a very severe hearing loss in the high frequencies in both ears since birth. I wear hearing aids in both ears. I sing and play the piano. I can't hear the sounds "S", "SH", "T", "P" and a couple of others, without hearing aids. Also I can't hear the last two octaves on the piano without hearing aids. My hearing aids do help, but don't restore everything. My speech is not perfect and I have taken lots of speech therapy when younger.

Singing has always been a challenge for me. I had a wonderful vocal teacher for ten years that understood my hearing loss. He really helped me to develop my voice. I also experimented a lot on my own to improve it. I'm a spinto lyric tenor and sing classical including opera arias, pop, r&b and theater."

See everyone next week!

Julianne & Chrysa