



## Independent Music Teacher's Forum

### PAST LUNCHEON TOPICS

**Tribute to Robert Vandall (2017)** -- a celebration of the composer's life and his friendship to UMTA. We watched a slideshow of his life, a demonstration on how to teach one of his pieces by rote, and performances of some other favorites, particularly his duets.

**Cafe Positivity (2016)** -- to support and encourage attendees in all the good things they are already doing. Attendees came prepared to talk about "what is a positive phrase you use in your studio? what positive self-talk do you allow yourself? what is one thing you have done to make your studio a positive environment?" We passed the microphone and were inspired by each and every attendee!

**What a Bright Idea! (2015)** -- several teachers shared 8-10 minute presentations about teaching techniques, tips, and tricks they use in their studios.

**The Many Hats We Wear (2014)** -- shared ideas about finding balance, maintaining physical and emotional health, time management and organizational tips, studio organization, using technology to help us, etc.

**Keep Your Sanity and Your Studio (2013)** -- Fitting everything in (family responsibilities, home and yard maintenance, religion and civic volunteering, community service, and your studio and still find time for ourselves

**To Manipulate or Motivate? That is the Question (2012)** -- our students don't always come with open minds, so how can we best help them progress?