

Breathing is Necessary

One more rehearsal and then I will have the Thanksgiving break. All is Well. I got to my lesson today and there was an anthology of Christmas favorites on the piano. Oddly enough, I have been getting in the festive mood just a bit.

Perhaps it is the facebook friend who has taken up the mantle left by Emily who always had her house ready by the beginning of November (not exaggerating). On to the lesson:

I decided to focus on some of the more serious songs this week. The first went well... some lyric problems but nothing monumental. The second is one of those traditionally, deceptively simple pieces... beautiful but deceptive. We decided that this piece is a study in when and when not to breathe. More of a pick the song apart and put it back together. I can't breathe in the middle of the word "loooong... iiiiing" when it is held for 6 beats. Phrasing, breathing, don't forget to breath... fill up the belly. HEHEHE!

"No Breathe... No Life." Wise words Miyagi-san.