

# With A Little Help From My Friends

AHHHHHH... after a two week hiatus, I returned to my weekly voice lesson. Fun times! While waiting for K, I was entertained once again by her 5 year old son who now happily reports that he has beaten computer chess on the medium level.

A feat I could only dream of achieving. He is also looking forward to the beginning of the school year but is a bit apprehensive because he does not know who his teacher will be.

Been there... done that! He also presented me with a colorful piece of artwork that he made while mixing a bunch of paints together. And I got the full rundown of the family vacation.

Rehearsals are going even better than I could have imagined.

During the two week break, I scoured my books to find a few more songs to work on. I found "Friend Like Me" from *Aladdin*.

WOW! Once again, deceptive but will be fun to work on. I dug out a few other songs that I hope to look at in the next few weeks: a few more duets, a small group piece, and some solo pieces.

After going through one of the pieces which is now ready for performance, we read some Disney songs which I will be looking at again. I tried my best Italian crooning voice on "Bella Notte" a short little piece that must have had some instrumental during the spaghetti and meatball scene in *Lady and the Tramp*.

After some more sight singing, we both decided that we definitely want to do a weekend gig at the theatre. The first thing to do is NARROW my song list. I have a very large collection of music to choose from... ones I have worked on and have gotten near perfection, some I have looked at, and others that I want to look at, and some I have been encouraged to look at. I was informed that my voice sounds "really good" on

each of the songs I have attempted (even the ones I have never looked at before).

So... with a little help from my friends (those who have inquired about doing a duet with me... you know who you are; those I will ask to do a little group number (or two) with; and someone to provide a bit of filler between some of the numbers) I should be prime for the public shortly after Baskervilles wraps or, at latest, after the first of the year.

Doesn't it just sound lovely?