

About the family:

Bruce has been sitting at the piano every day practicing, that is, unless Elijah interrupts him with some foolish thing like buying an electronic organ, building the house, cleaning the yard, taking walks in the woods, etc... Bruce's father, Pepere, has been coming up every weekend to help, aka do-by-himself, all the other multiple projects that need doing. Bruce has been very happy to be able to spend so much time with family and be in nature.

Elijah has been spending even more time practicing than he was, but he has also been doing a good job keeping the house clean, helping Pepere with projects, and schoolwork. He has been, in his limited free time, also trying to build a tree fort in the woods. One of his favorite pastimes recently has been drawing with colored pencils, but he is also very excited to get his sailboat in the water!

Jessica has been doing an amazing job keeping up with all the other aspects that go along with the upkeep of the business. She has also been having a strong commitment with her karate. She now has two green stripes on her white obi (belt.) She has been the sole person to get everybody anywhere they need to go: Marietta to karate, Elijah to violin, etc.

Marietta is now an orange belt in karate and is sticking with it. She is excited to go to class every week, and is also excited to start her new school in the fall. She has been getting together with friends all summer. She has been a bright light in everybody's life.

We hope this program has brought some light into your life, and hope you are able to enjoy this day to its full potential!

Three days prior to this programs debut we set out on a recording project - A piano instrumental recording. It was pouring outside and we had five children in our house that day. Children's voices can be heard on the disk from time to time, as well as other charming interruptions, as the children played happily for the duration of our recording project. Most of the compositions you will hear today are on the disk, which is available for five dollars.

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Bruce and Elijah Pratt

Present

Chapter Three
“Yes You Are.”

Piano and Violin Selections

About the Composers

Johann Pachelbel was a German composer, organist, and teacher who brought the south German organ tradition to its peak.

Robert Vandall retired after 38 years of owning and operating the Vandall Piano Studio in New Philadelphia with his wife, Karen. The couple were married for 50 years. He also was a composer and arranger for Alfred Music in California. “He was one of Alfred Music publishing’s premier composers,” Melanie Winn of New Philadelphia said, adding that he had more than 500 titles to his credit. His music included folk, patriotic, sacred, general and seasonal works.

At the age of 27, Émile Waldteufel became the court pianist of the Empress Eugenie. He also led the orchestra at state balls. His appointment by Napoleon III to the musical direction of the balls led him to participation in the events in Biarritz and Compiegne. At the latter he met many other musicians and artists, and he also accompanied the Emperor playing the violin.

Demanding tour schedules caused Rachmaninoff's composition output to slow significantly; between his arrival to the US in 1918 and his death, he completed just six compositions barring some revisions to previous works and piano transcriptions for his concert repertoire.

Johannes Brahms was a German composer and pianist of the Romantic period. Born in Hamburg into a Lutheran family, Brahms spent much of his professional life in Vienna, Austria

In Warsaw, Chopin heard Niccolo Paganini play the violin, and composed a set of variations, Souvenir de Paganini. It may have been this experience which encouraged him to commence writing his first Etudes.

Bach had a beautiful soprano singing voice, which helped him land a place at a school in Lüneburg. Sometime after his arrival, his voice changed and Bach switched to playing the violin and the harpsichord.

A particularly important influence to Mozart was Johann Christian Bach, whom he visited in London in 1764 and 1765.

Joplin published his first extended work, a ballet suite using the rhythmic devices of ragtime, with his own choreographical directions, in 1902. His first opera, A Guest of Honor (1903), is no longer extant and may have been lost by the copyright office.

The Selections

The Composers

Canon in D.....	Johann Pachelbel
Two Guitars.....	Russian Folk
Hymn.....	Bruce Pratt
Miracles to Me.....	Bruce Pratt
Nightfall.....	Robert Vandall
Skaters Valse.....	Émile Waldteufel
Sunrise Intermezzo.....	BrucePratt
Yes You Are, Yes You are Loved.....	Bruce Pratt
Delmo.....	Sergei Rachmaninoff
Hungarian Dance No. 1.....	Johannes Brahms
Valse in Em.....	Frédéric François Chopin
Violin Concerto Selected Movements.....	Johann Sebastian Bach
Sonata in A Rondo Alla Turca.....	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (baptized as Johannes Chrysostomus Wolfgangus Theophilus Mozart)
Cascades.....	Scott Joplin