

IEP NEWS



DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Elena Moore, IEP Director

Director's Corner

The term is over. We have had the certificate ceremony and have

said our goodbyes. Some students are returning to their own countries, and others will begin their graduate or undergraduate studies. All of us at the Intensive English Program will miss you.

What a busy April it was! Students in Carlos Goebels' class wrote music reviews and we have included a few. See the pictures of our soccer game, the IEP debate, and of Kathryn Van Dyck, Jeanne de Simon, and students making

sushi.

Summer sessions are only six weeks in length. We will begin Summer Session A on May 11, and Session B on June 29. The revised 8:30-2:00 schedule, with lunch break from 12-12:30, will be in place indefinitely.

Enjoy your break and we'll see you soon!

Elena Moore

IEP SOCCER



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 11



First Day of Class

May 21



Team Building

May 25



Memorial Day
No Class

June 19



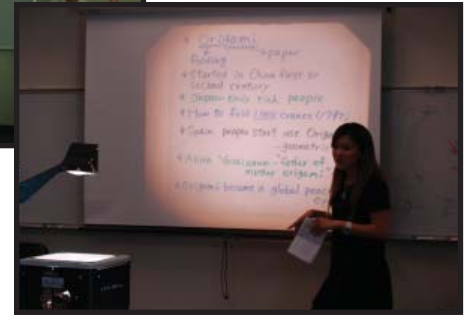
End of
Session A

June 29



Begin
Session B

IEP PRESENTATIONS



IEP STUDENTS MAKE SUSHI



IEP MONOPOLY TOURNAMENT



IEP MUSIC REVIEWS

Diana Krall



My encounter with Diana Krall's music was in 1999 when I went to the CD shop one day. I did not know her name. I listened to "Let's Face the Music and Dance" and fell in love her music. I thought this song was her original but it was not. Another song, "I've Got You Under My Skin," is also a cover. She sings standards and her originals though all songs are Diana Krall originals. She colors all songs by her taste. One of my top five favorites "I've Got You Under My Skin" is jazzy, bittersweet, feels night atmosphere song. The line says "I tried so not to give in/ I said to and myself, 'This affair never will go so well'/ But why should I try to resist when, darling, I know so well/I've got you under my skin." I felt a tightening in my chest and gave way to tears. Later I listened to Frank Sinatra's version; it was a swinging, up tempo's song!

I like a song which tells of a night scene. I would rather be under moonlight than on a sunny beach (should I move from Florida?).

Krall was born in Canada in 1964 and eventually moved to Los Angeles. She relocated to New York in 1990. She became a famous jazz musician when her album "When I Look in Your Eyes" won a Grammy in 1999. In 2002, "The Look of Love" was the No.1 bestseller in the US. She married Elvis Costello.

She wrote songs with her husband. The marriage changed her music and showed her new possibilities.

Krall released her long-awaited new album "Quiet Nights" in March 2009. Oh, yes! Since 2006, I had waited. Although all her songs are not to my taste (it is hard to like all album's songs even if you are a big fan, isn't it?), I like this new album. The title of album's song "Quiet Nights", "You Are My Thrill", "So Nice", etc, you can feel her charm.

She sings bossa nova too. "Este Seu Olher", "The Boy From Ipanema" (The title is collect.), her bossa nova songs are adding another color to her music.

In addition, she is not only a great jazz vocalist but also a great jazz pianist. She plays all the piano parts and plays the piano in concert, too. Her piano is so amorous.

When you are falling in love and enjoying the feeling, consumed with unforgivable love, sweet nights with your beloved, or spending lonely nights, Krall's music brings the night gently, tenderly and mellowly.

You can listen to her new album and video

<http://www.dianakrall.com/>

http://www.amazon.com/Quiet-Nights-Diana-Krall/dp/B001K3JF7K/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=music&qid=1239433747&sr=1-1

Yoshiko, Japan

Black Eyed Peas

"Boom Boom Pow" is the lead single of "The E. N. D." which is the fifth album of Black Eyed Peas. "The E.N.D." stands for "The Energy Never Dies." "Boom Boom Pow" rests on the

foundation of the futurist concept which is timeless. This single was released on March 10, 2009. The single sold 465,000 digital downloads in its first week of release, and the third largest number of download-sales in a single-week overall.

"Black Eyed Peas" was formed in 1989, Los Angeles, California. The band has four members who are will.i.am, apl.de.ap, Taboo, and Fergie. The music style is eclectic mix of music rooted in Hip-hop.

When I listened to "Boom Boom Pow" the first time, my body felt like moving with the beat. The song starts with a constantly high-pitch sound, like an air-raid warning, as



background. The music elements in this song are succinct, strong, and dynamic. The electronic drum beat is the basic element of this song, which is also a reference for the late 80's music. All band members have had their voices auto-tuned in the song. The producer, will.i.am, puts his thought about the future music flow into this song. He uses concise lyrics to depict that the digital music and high-tech method leads the electronic music to a timeless level and the rhythm is harder, faster, better, and stronger. Definitely, "Boom Boom Pow" will be one of the great party tracks of 2009.

Yi Hui, China

IEP MUSIC REVIEWS (cont.)

Carrie Underwood

Every day we wake up in a nice bed, in a nice home, to a nice breakfast. We go to school or work. We know what we need and want to do. I believe that we are so lucky and happy.



However, not until I saw the video clip "I'll stand by you" by Carrie Underwood did I recognize this simple happiness. I watched the clip again and again. It is just like a fairy story in the real life to me. Beginning with the image of innocent orphaned African children, the clip is catchy right away with these angels. Next is the picture of Carrie cuddling a little child. She sits and sings in front of these children. Carrie and her co-workers go to visit poor families and spend time playing with young kids. Looking at smiles and laughter on the children's faces, I feel so happy. Sometimes, here and there, in the clip we see some tears on these guiltless creatures, and it makes us think.

This video clip is really a great success. It is due not only to its meaningful clip but also to its moving lyrics. Her voice is soft, but encouraging and sympathetic: "Why you look so sad/ Come on Come to see me now." The melody is so cool and touching, "I'll stand by you/ I'll stand by you/ won't let nobody hurt you." Carrie indeed brings belief and hugely mental support to these children.

This clip was made during a trip to Africa when Carrie went there to visit

and help poor orphaned children.

This movie was filmed for a charitable campaign named Idol Gives Back, in 2007.

Carrie Underwood is well-known since she won the fourth season of American Idol and has earned enormous crossover success by her distinct talent and extreme effort. She is the hottest star of country music now. She has won four Grammy Awards. She was the seventh woman in 39 years to win the prestigious "Entertainer of the Year" Award on April 06, 2009.

Lan, Vietnam

The Fray

One of the best albums of this year 2009 is called "The Fray" as in the name of the band "The Fray." The first hit of this new album is called "You Found Me." I choose to write a music review of this album and particularly about this song because I love that kind of music, and their first album was amazing.



"The Fray" is an American group which began to

be successful with their first album "How to save a life" in 2005. The group was formed three year before and it is based in Denver, Colorado. The group has four members: Isaac Slade (the singer and the piano player), Joe King (the guitar player and the vocals), Ben Wysocki (the drummer), and David Welsh (another guitar player). At the beginning, there were only Slade and King, who met each other in a music store. They

play together some jam sessions but were rapidly joined by Wysocki and Welsh to form the current band. The band started to play around Denver; then they received the support of a local radio and began to attract the attention of national producers.

It was really in 2005 with the song "Over My Head (Cable Car)" and then the song "How to Save a Life" in 2006 that the band became successful. Indeed, the song "How to Save a Life" was one of the biggest successes of the year 2006 and was one of the remaining songs in the TV series "Grey's Anatomy." "How to Save a Life" was proclaimed "the best-selling digital album of all time."

This new album "The Fray", made up of eleven new songs, reached the first rank of the Billboard 200 Chart in February 2009. This album is darker than the first one. However, it keeps the first one's basic characteristics such as the pop/rock style and the piano-led ballads. The singer, Isaac Slade, is still so passionate about her music that a lot of people can relate on the powerfulness of his lyrics. Moreover, his amazing voice, recognizable among the others, helps to express all the emotions that this album has.

In conclusion, this album is the one you absolutely have to buy for your collection if you like the pop/rock music. This opus is wonderfully written and sung. It is darker than the precedent one but the band achieved to insert a note of hope among the melancholic songs that make this album up. If you like the first song "You Found Me", I advise you to download, legally of course, the entire album. You won't be disappointed. *Charlotte, Belgium*

IEP MUSIC REVIEWS (cont.)

The Fray

As The Fray has reached the number one spot on the Billboard charts selling 179,000 copies with the debut of their LP record, *The Fray*, we should



say they are popular and successful. Their song, "You Found Me", hit number seven at American Top 40 on April 9. When we are talking about The Fray, there is always one thing to mention, the piano accompaniment. Like in "How to Save a Life", the accompaniment is so rhythmical. When I first heard this song, I liked it but never really listened to the lyrics. Isaac's soft and deep voice makes me feel peaceful.

When I saw the video, I was so confused about what the song meant - were they yelling at God, doubting Him, or questioning Him? The more I listened and watched the video, the clearer it became. They are willing to tell us that God always finds us, and to us it seems like He finds us too late, but really it is at just the right time. It is when we are broken, lost, confused and hurt that we need Him the most. He knows just how much we can take before He steps in and saves us. It seems this Grammy Award-nominated four-piece piano rock band from Denver, Colorado, does understand some meanings of God.

Lyrics:

You Found Me

I found God on the corner of First and Amistad
Where the west was all but won
All alone smoking His last cigarette
I said where You been, He said ask anything
Where were You when everything was falling apart
All my days were spent by a telephone
That never rang and all I needed was a call
That never came to the corner of First and Amistad
Lost and insecure, You found me, You found me
Lying on the floor, surrounded, surrounded
Why'd You have to wait, where were You, where were You
Just a little late, You found me, You found me
In the end everyone ends up alone
Losing her, the only one who's ever known
Who I am who I'm not and who I want to be
No way to know how long she will be next to me
Early morning the city breaks and I've been calling for years and years
You never left me no messages, You never send me no letters
You got some kind of nerve taking all I want

Yuan, China

Plain White Ts

From the suburbs of Chicago, the Punk-Pop outfit Plain White T's formed in 1997 sometime between the summer and fall. They had performances around various Chicago clubs. The band work ethic and promising song craft earned a new contract with Hollywood Records. In 2006 they received two

Grammy nominations for the song "Hey There Delilah." Finally, in 2008 they returned with the album "Big Bad World," and "1, 2, 3, 4" was the most popular song.

In my opinion, the melody and the sound of the strings of the guitar convey both joy and nostalgia when listening to the song. As can be seen in the video, people stay to listen to the song as if wanting to receive an external stimulus that



allows them to open up to show their deepest feelings of joy and love to everyone around. The feeling of love is transmitted to all throughout the song. The message of the song says that love has no boundaries, no age, and is manifested in the most imaginable ways, through different media (internet, festivals, etc.). Also love is expressed in different ways with a partner, with friends, with children, and pets. Furthermore, the video takes place in winter, a cold environment, but paradoxically, the song inspires a warm, happy environment through the message of love. Finally, the singer dedicates this song to his partner which makes it more genuine and sincere managing to transform his feelings into art that can be interpreted, shared and transmitted to others.

Rodrigo, Peru

IEP CERTIFICATE CEREMONY



IEP SESSION DATES

Summer 2009

- May 11 - June 19 (6-week session)
- June 29 - August 7 (6-week session)

Fall 2009

- August 24 - October 9 (7-week session)
- October 19 - December 9 (7-week session)

Spring 2010

- January 8 - February 26 (7-week session)
- March 8 - April 22 (7-week session)

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