

Connecticut State Music Teachers Association

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Dear Nick,

Thank you so much for your inspiring presentation at our state conference that took place at the Neighborhood Music School in New Haven, CT on October 22nd! When I began planning this conference, I surveyed my local chapter board members as to what topics they'd like to learn more about and they unanimously agreed they would like to hear from someone who could help them with strategies for motivating students to practice while also touching on the parent-student-teacher triangle. Our state's Past-President, Kathleen Theisen, NCTM, recommended you and I'm so glad you were available on our conference date!

You captured the attention of the audience immediately with your high energy and unique opening and maintained the interest of all present throughout your presentation. Your "diamond distinctions" were (and are) definitely gems of wisdom that every teacher could draw from and use in their studios and classrooms. I have received only wonderful praises from the teachers who attended the conference as well as those who have already read your book, *Coffee with Ray*. The presentation was anything but typical, it was highly educational and the attendees thoroughly enjoyed it!

Thank you again for sharing your experience, knowledge, strategies and energy with us!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LFB".

Linda Franklin-Biggs, President
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