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On the Cover: Spring is HERE! Everything comes to life and blooms. Enjoy family time this Easter. Time spent with loved ones is so precious. Giggle, laugh and play.

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by Caroline Brooks

MUSIC



Dzmitry Ulasiuk is a professional pianist with considerable talent, having won many International Piano competitions. Dzmitry recently visited Gateway Academy in Miramar Beach, FL, and performed for the school's students ranging in age from Kindergarten to the 9th grade. Students were enthralled with his expressive playing of Romeo and Juliet op. 75 by Sergei Prokofiev, Neptune by Chopin, and Mercutio by Sergei Prokofiev. Dzmitry spoke to students about the different vibrations in music, with its impressions of happiness, sadness and excitement, and students were asked to share their own impressions. Dzmitry shared with students the importance of feelings and appreciating music, how to understand music you have to listen to it, participate with it as the music speaks to each individual.

Students learned about the exciting profession of a pianist, where musicians practice over and over so as to feel the structure of the musical notes. Dzmitry shared with students that his profession is never boring because through the music you learn about history and learn about the emotions that accompany the music. Students were visually and auditorily impressed with Dzmitry's performance, and his playing was compared to flowers in a field or the changing of the seasons. In particular, the piece titled Neptune was hauntingly beautiful, and Dzmitry explained that these emotions experienced while listening are very important - we cannot live our lives without emotion - emotion helps to keep us alive while giving the brain the opportunity to think. Dzmitry shared with students that it is imperative that we learn the grammar of music, that we learn how the musical notes interact with each other.

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Gateway Academy is a part of the Carnegie Hall Linked Up program, in partnership through Northwest Florida State College. Despite his busy schedule, Dzmitry Ulasiuk chose Gateway Academy to perform for the school's students. Dzmitry has a new CD to be released on April 5, 2019. Pieces of music on this CD will include Romeo and Juliet op. 75 by Sergie Prokoftev and Etudes-Tableau op. 33 by Sergei Rachmanioff. Dzmitry Ulasiuk is currently a doctoral candidate of Piano Performance in the studio of Dr. Pamela Mia Paul at the University of North Texas.



GET OUTSIDE

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Bike and hiking trails are plentiful in our area and a great way to add to your outdoor experience away from the sandy beaches. Whether an experienced hiker or a newbie to venturing out, search for websites like funforemeraldcoastkids.com to find and enjoy new trails. Load up the family or invite a friend, and remember to pack a lunch, water and the binoculars to take full advantage of the benefits and enjoyment of being outdoors.

Staying active is a key ingredient to staying young. Fitness is a lifestyle that allows you to live stronger. So accelerate your activity everyday and enjoy the warm air and sunshine in a whole new way.

Make it a great day!

