

Senior Center offers free piano lessons

Forty-eight-year-old Christopher Benjamin beamed with pride on Friday, May 15, as he listened to and watched seven of his piano students perform in a musical recital held at the Urban League.

The recital was held with about 50 people in attendance, in conjunction with Older American Month, which continued through the month of May. The seven participants — Juanita Green, Gladys Vann, Lula Mae Lyles, Nettie Williams, Rosa Lee Bryant, Annie Davis, and Lena Edwards — began taking piano lessons from Benjamin this past December. None has ever taken lessons before except for Lyles and Edwards.

"I think it was a wonderful success," said Benjamin following the recital. "It impressed me." Benjamin's classes are held at the Urban League Senior Center every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with 30 minutes devoted to each student. The classes are free to the participants.

Sixty-four-year-old student Juanita Green, who performed the song "Going Home," said of the recital, "It was beautiful. I thought I'd be scared, but I wasn't."

Other participants on the program included Flora Alexander, James Shelton, Mary McCurry, and Olivia Bausman. Athena Puryear, director of the Senior



Seventy-four-year-old Lula Mae Lyles performed *Singing Brook* at the recital.

Center, served as the mistress of ceremonies.

After the performances, each student received a certificate for her work in the classes under certain categories. Green and Vann tied for "Best Scale," and Lyles and Williams tied for "Good Student." Brown received a certificate for "Best Notebook;" Davis received the second highest award for "Best Theory;" and Edwards received the highest award for "Advanced Sight Reading."

Student Olivia Bausman, who did not perform, also received a certificate

for her work with Benjamin. Students who were not present were Geraldine Brown, Joseph Todd, and Mabel Jessup. Benjamin also received an award certificate from his students.

Edwards stated that she was glad the recital was a part of the Urban League's celebration of Older American Month and that it was a symbol to those who attended that older adults are still a viable part of society.

"We're still active. We're growing in wisdom. So I just enjoy growing old," she said.

Photo winner announced!



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