

# *The Twelve Commandments of Piano Playing*

- ✧ Clarify Your Intention
- ✧ Treat each phrase as a gesture
- ✧ It's all about you  
It's not about you
- ✧ You can only be where you are
- ✧ Less is more
- ✧ An expressive physical movement  
does not always lead  
to an expressive sound
- ✧ When in doubt – expand
- ✧ Rest at the rests
- ✧ If you can't hear it that fast,  
you can't play it that fast
- ✧ Practice makes permanent
- ✧ Hands last
- ✧ The shortest distance  
between two points  
is a curve

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