

CHRISTMAS KEYS

Sienna Clark gives back through the keys of the piano for the holidays

Giving back during the holidays can be displayed by volunteering at a homeless shelter, donating to Toys for Tots, or just hanging out with family, but for sophomore Sienna Clark it's demonstrated through the keys of the piano.

"I started playing piano when I was in first grade, and I started playing because my grandpa plays the piano as well. I thought it would be something new to try because I always enjoyed music," Clark said.

Clark performs recitals during the holidays to share her talent with others. She started performing these recitals when she switched teachers in fourth grade because she thought this was a good way to better her skills.

"Usually my Christmas recital is at my teacher's house. During a recital, I generally feel excited because I really want to play in front of people to improve my performance skills," Clark said.

Performing during the holidays can bring a variety of emotions to a person, which is why some people choose to give back to the community through music. Clark decided to perform during the holidays because it brings back memories

that were important to her when she was growing up.

"I really enjoy playing the piano during the holidays because it adds a certain nostalgia that I've had throughout my entire childhood from listening to music while decorating the Christmas tree, to visiting my grandpa during the holidays and hearing him play," Clark said.

Music can bring a certain emotion to a person during the holidays. It may start with Christmas music, whether it begins in November or December, that possibly can bring a variety of happy moments.

"I feel that playing piano during the holidays is important because it brings an aspect to Christmas that everyone can enjoy, and music in the holidays also helps create great memories that bring about family traditions and more," Clark said.

Even after ten years of playing the piano and doing Christmas recitals, Clark still enjoys performing for others during the holidays because of what it reminds her of and what it represents.

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MUSIC ON THE TOWN: On the 16th street mall in downtown Denver, Clark stops at a piano she sees on her way back from a Christmas party. This was during the Christmas parade downtown. "I get nervous playing front of people, but I enjoy it," Clark said.

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