



This 92-Year-Old Holocaust Survivor Is Still Teaching Piano in the Pandemic



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Dr. Cornelia Vertenstein, a 92-year-old Holocaust survivor, has taught piano lessons at her Denver home for more than half a century. But when the coronavirus swept in, most of her students were forced to stay home. Special concern was reserved for older adults. And Vertenstein was suddenly alone.

Nevertheless, she insisted that the lessons would continue. Vertenstein took to calling the children on their cellphones or using FaceTime on her iPad, with the students' phones propped up so she could see their hands. She held spring recitals, which she worried she'd have to cancel.

"With great pride I introduce my students who prepared themselves with discipline and determination in difficult circumstances," she said at the start of the recitals. "When I was a little girl I couldn't go to public schools because of my religion. And they created a little school in the basement of an old building which sometimes had heat and sometimes didn't. Great minds and achievements came out of that school. Which taught me in any situation you can strive, learn, look ahead and have dreams."

To read more about Dr. Vertenstein — or Nellie as she's known to friends — tap the link in our bio. Photo by @rachelwoolfphoto.

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Question 01

The text above is

- A) an article from a newspaper
- B) a post from a social media
- C) a scientific journal
- D) an extract from a book called Survivor from the Holocaust

Question 02

Mark the correct alternative about the text.

- A) The text is about how a holocaust girl learned to play the piano.
- B) The text tells us how people helped the 92 years old lady to play the piano.
- C) The lady's children helped her to use her iPad.
- D) The text is about a lady who taught piano lessons through the internet.

Question 03

Na primeira linha do segundo parágrafo, a palavra "Nevertheless" pode ser substituída sem alteração de significado pelo advérbio:

- A) then
- B) however
- C) finally
- D) moreover

Question 04

Na linha 09, o relative pronoun which se refere a/ao:

- A) recital
- B) escola pública
- C) prédio velho
- D) religião

Questão 05

According to the Dr. Cornelia Vertenstein, studying in the basement of an old school taught her to:

- A) be positive about life.
- B) feel discouraged about life.
- C) learn how to be inside for a long time.
- D) play the piano.