

# LT TAKE-AWAYS: 2

Thoughts from the classroom of Livingston Taylor  
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1. The audience is not your problem. They are your salvation.
2. Be clear: they cannot read your mind.
3. Nervousness is self-centered behavior. Knock it off!
4. Always be enthusiastic about others' success (it's OK to fake it).
5. Words matter.
6. You may die flying the plane.  
You will certainly die *not* flying the plane. Take control.
7. Good musicians know what to play. Great musicians know what *not* to play.
8. If you haven't heard, you've heard. It's *no*.
9. It is sad to be ready and not be called. It is tragic to be called and not be ready.
10. Practice. Effortless technique frees you to watch your music land.
11. Finish your work. They cannot hear your vision (in spite of what they say).
12. You will come to love who you are. Don't panic during times of change.