

Treemont residents enjoy performances

Delighted residents gathered recently as the halls of Treemont Retirement Community came alive with the sound of music.

Even delivery men paused on their appointed rounds to enjoy familiar tunes rendered by consummate musicians who were obviously enjoying their work — or play.

How did this come to be? Nelda Sims, one of this year's new residents at Treemont, has long been recognized as one of Houston's most talented professional musicians — a pianist with a large following of fans and an almost inexhaustible repertoire of pop, musical comedy, and even classical music.

To the delight of residents and staff, Nelda's daughter Gail brought her bass viol, son Howard came alongside with his drums, and they set up in the lobby at one of the grand pianos for an impromptu concert.

There was not a sheet of music in sight — they

just started playing and continued without a break for more than an hour. Requests were called out from the ever-growing audience; now and then Nelda's brow would wrinkle as if she did not recognize a song's name that had been called for.

Gail would hum a few bars and Nelda's nimble fingers would immediately begin flying over the keyboard with a flawless rendition. From "Chattanooga Choo-choo" to "My Reverie," from "The

Girl from Ipanema" to "Stardust," from "Begin the Beguine" to "Some Enchanted Evening" — some in the audience sang along, others danced, some clapped in rhythm and all enjoyed.

In earlier days the family played professionally as "The Sims Trio," but they have a new name at Treemont — "Standing Room Only!"

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