

# Books – ‘Speaking the Piano’ by Susan Tomes

Susan Tomes, a concert pianist living in Edinburgh, has a new book just out. It's called '[Speaking the Piano](#)'.

Susan has written four previous books about performance, but her fifth book is about her experiences of learning and teaching different kinds of music.



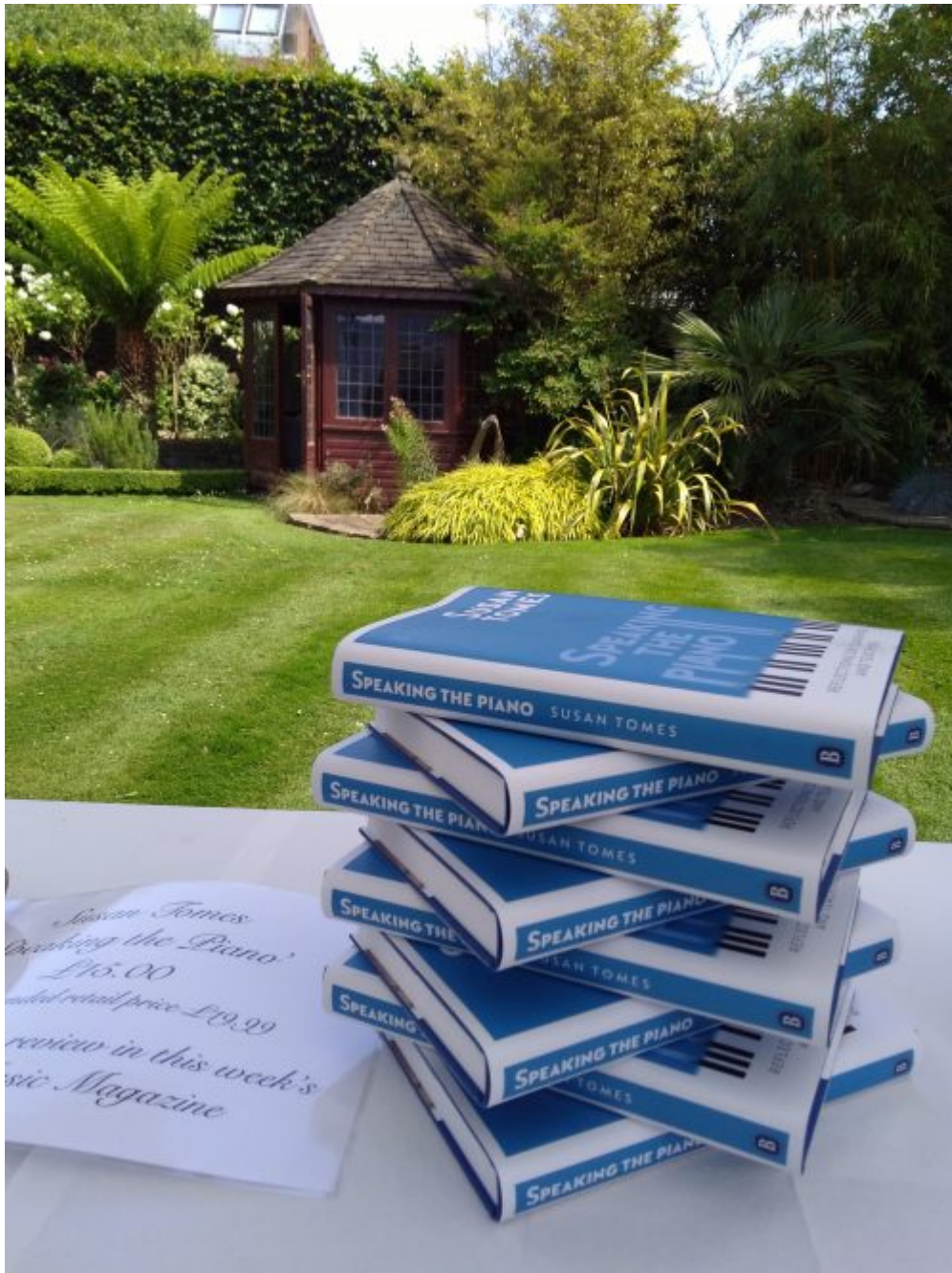
Susan Tomes with her new book

She started writing it as a response to all the worrying reports in the press about music being downgraded and/or reduced to an optional extra in UK schools.

Knowing from her own experience that the discipline of learning to play an instrument can give one all kinds of transferable skills as well as greatly expanding one's imaginative world, Susan felt motivated to set down some of her own recollection of inspiring teachers. (You can read more

about this in [Susan's post](#) on the publisher's blog, Proofed.)

She also describes how she set about passing on some of her insights to her own students, both professional and amateur. 'Speaking the Piano' was published last week by Boydell Press



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