

IT'S YOUR FIRST PIANO LESSON

Congratulations!



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WHAT TO EXPECT AT YOUR FIRST LESSON AND THE NEXT, AND THE NEXT...

Congratulations on your excellent decision to start piano lessons, and thanks for choosing me as your teacher!

As an adult student, you may have several questions about what to expect at piano lessons. Here's an overview that should answer most of your questions. Feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions not answered here.

I'm confident you'll be delighted with your results as you benefit from my more than three decades of teaching experience.

BEGINNING STUDENTS

There's a lot to cover at the first lesson, especially for beginners. We'll discuss:

- How to sit at the piano (always sit up straight, never slouching)
- How to position your hands (fingers should be curved with wrists straight)
- The pattern of black keys and white keys (we'll play every key on the piano!)
- General music knowledge (treble clef, bass clef, time signature, note names, rhythms, etc.)



INSTRUCTION

Lessons are customized for your needs and goals. Beginner and refresher students will receive instruction in any or all of the following: method, theory, technical exercises, and supplementary music (your choice according to your taste and preferences), as well as ear-training, music history, and performance.

Students will receive 2-3 books at their first lesson. All students will have four music books within a few weeks. You'll leave the first lesson having sight-read your first pieces with a specific assignment for the coming week.

Advanced students may play classical (or other) music rather than from a method book. At this level, I also encourage project pieces, such as worship music, choir accompaniment, banquet or wedding music, etc. Students are encouraged to bring or suggest music they're interested in learning.

PERFORMANCE

Adult students are welcome but not required to perform in recitals or other performances. You'll learn at your own pace in a relaxed environment.

WORSHIP KEYS

Worship Keys™ students will work on worship pieces according to your level; you'll learn theory, technique, rhythm, and style for each particular piece. All pieces are your choice, including hymns and contemporary worship songs.

"I was nervous starting later in life-but Dana is so encouraging and clear in her teaching. I truly enjoy my lessons. She has ignited my love of music and given me the confidence to use this for my church."

—Hope Thompson



WHAT TO EXPECT DURING EACH LESSON

When you arrive, another lesson will most likely be in progress. As there is no waiting room, please come in to my studio (don't ring the bell, just come in) as near to your lesson time as you can and sit quietly on the stairs, so as not to disturb the lesson in progress. If I'm not with a student, please wait until your lesson time to enter the studio so I can be completely prepared for your lesson.

If needed, the bathroom is down the left hallway on the right.



TUITION AND OTHER FEES

A credit card is required for first month's tuition and must be paid before first lesson. For subsequent payments, you may choose to have funds automatically withdrawn monthly or bi-annually. I also accept checks, cash, or online payment through your checking account or credit card.

You'll receive an email invoice (or sales receipt for automatic payments) monthly or bi-annually about a week before payment is due. Please have payment ready in advance or use one of our other convenient methods. Please read the studio agreement carefully for information regarding late fees, discontinuing lessons, etc.

STUDIO AGREEMENT

Completion of the Studio Agreement/Registration Form is required before the first lesson. Please read the studio agreement carefully and ask questions if needed. All policies are strictly enforced.

IN CLOSING

Again, thank you for choosing me as your teacher. I look forward to a long and happy relationship with you. Feel free to contact me any time you'd like to discuss your progress or musical goals as I'm here to help you meet those goals.

Sincerely,