

Distance Learning Piano Lessons

Overview/History

Welcome to the 21st Century. Now you can study piano with a master jazz pianist/teacher, in the comfort of your home, over the phone. Since April 2002, I've taught students from as far away as New Zealand, Hong Kong and England and as close as my hometown Chicago Illinois. I use the internet to send *chord drills, custom lead sheets, verbatim arrangements, and audio files* to students around the world. I also have the privilege of teaching a blind student from Arkansas and 2 students who have lost the use of one of their hands after suffering a stroke.

I have over 25 years experience teaching and performing piano and have studied with arguably the 2 best jazz pianist/teachers in the country, namely *Alan Swain* from Depaul University and *Tony Caramia* currently at Eastman School of Music.

My Goal For My Piano Students

Each of my students brings a unique set of skills to their lessons. I build on those skills and formulate my lesson plans accordingly. Three areas that I think are key to being able to play piano lifelong are: Chords, Concepts and Creativity. Very briefly, if you can form/play any chord and you understand essential concepts i.e. circle of 5ths, chord substitution etc., you can use this knowledge to be creative at the piano. You will no longer be restricted by what others write or arrange but will have the skill set necessary to make a song "your own".

Logistics

Equipment needed:

- Cordless Phone
- Headset
- Piano/Keyboard
- Computer/ Email Address
- Adobe Acrobat Reader (Free off the internet)

How Do I Start learning Piano

Just give us a call , 1-800-327-4266 or *email us*. We will get back to you and discuss just exactly what your goals are regarding playing the piano.(See home page under *Music Menu* for a list of some of the playing styles I teach). Then we work out a lesson time that is convenient for you. We pay all phone charges. We call you at the pre-designated lesson time and all you do is pick up your cordless phone, insert your headset and head on over to your piano/keyboard to begin learning.

Piano Tuition

Lessons are \$75 an hour for weekly lessons, either 45 minutes or an hour, or \$100 an hour for bi-weekly hour lessons. Tuition is paid monthly and due the first week of each month. There are no “ make-up” lessons.