

## **One Handed Piano Lessons**

### ***Overview***

Beginning in September 2003, I started teaching a student who lost the use of her left hand. In writing arrangements of popular songs for "right-hand only", I was able to bring music back into my students life. In 25 years of teaching this may be the most rewarding experience I've had.

### ***History***

To my knowledge 95% of the "one-handed" piano repertoire is written for left hand only and is mostly classical pieces. These classical pieces are quite difficult for the average piano player.

### ***About My Students***

Having written over 30 one-handed arrangements over the last 2 years, for my student, Kay Breslin, I've had the pleasure of seeing her evolve into a wonderful musician. She recently performed at a "Rehabilitation" center which gave as much joy to the audience as to the performer. If you'd like to hear Kay perform just go to the home page and click on the video. You can read more about Kay in the Stroke Connection Magazine July/August 2005 issue.

Since the Stroke Connection article appeared, I've started to teach 2 other students who have survived strokes. Each of my 30 plus arrangements are primarily written to be played with the right hand alone. But they could be played with the left hand with some slight editing. I will look forward to writing my first "left-hand only" arrangements.

If you or someone you know has always wanted to play piano, or has played before their particular "disability" and want to get music back in their life, please call me at 800-32-PIANO.

### ***Goal For My One-Handed Students***

To bring the joy of playing piano into or back into their lives.