

Piano Lessons For The Blind

Overview

Thanks to an article in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette newspaper about a distance student from Little Rock, Noel Romey called me. Noel has been blind since birth but always wanted to play popular songs. We started "distance lessons" on June 30th 2005 and I'm very confident that he will become an accomplished pop/jazz piano player.

History

How many blind piano students have gone on to amazing professional music careers? Two that come to mind are Ray Charles and George Shearing. How many more people who have lost their ability to see could learn to play piano if only given the opportunity.

I feel an affinity to teaching blind students because in "distance learning" both student and teacher are relying heavily on our ears.

My Goal For Blind Students

That they develop their "musical ears" to be their eyes, that they understand the concepts behind jazz / pop piano and that they are inspired by my ability to teach using only my ears.