

RESOURCES FOR THE TEACHER OF ADULT PIANO STUDENTS

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Keyboard pedagogy books with sections on teaching adults

The Art of Teaching Piano, edited by Dennis Agay. (2004) Yorktown Music Press.

Creative Piano Teaching, 4th ed., by James Lyke, Geoffrey Haydon, & Catherine Rollin. (2001) Stipes Publishing.

Making Music at the Piano: learning strategies for adult students, by Barbara English Maris. (2000) Oxford University Press.

Questions and Answers: practical advice for piano teachers, by Frances Clark. (1992) The Instrumentalist Co.

The Well-Tempered Keyboard Teacher, 2nd ed., by Marianne Uszler, Stewart Gordon, & Scott McBride-Smith. (1999) Shirmer, Cengage Learning.

Piano Lessons: Music, Love & True Adventures, by Noah Adams. (1996) Delacorte Press [Noah's auto-biographical story about his experiences starting piano lessons as an adult]

Adult piano methods

Bastien: Piano for Adults, Books 1 – 2 (Kjos, 1999)

- includes lessons, theory, technic, sight reading
- CDs are available (two tempos for "challenge" pieces and technic exercises)

Faber & Faber: Adult Piano Adventures, Books 1 – 2 (FJH Music, 2001)

- books includes lessons, technique, theory, repertoire, playing from lead lines
- CDs (with practice and performance tempos) and MIDI disk available

Kern: Adult Piano Method Play by Choice (Hal Leonard, 1993)

- many supplemental books in variety of styles, accompaniment CD

Kern/Keveren/Kreader/Rejino: Adult Piano Method, Books 1 – 2 (Hal Leonard, 2005)

- includes lessons, solos, technique, and theory
- Lesson Book, Popular Hits, Christmas Favorites

Lancaster/McArthur: I Used to Play Piano: Refresher Course (Alfred)

- starts at the beginning, but moves quickly to early intermediate level
- supplemental books available

Lancaster/Renfrow: Alfred's Piano 101, Books 1 – 2 (Alfred, 1996)

- written for classes of college hobby students, but also works for private lessons
- includes lessons, solos, ensemble pieces, written assignments, ear training, harmonizing lead sheet melodies
- has supplemental Pop Books

Palmer/Manus/Lancaster: Play Piano Now, Books 1 – 2 (Alfred, 2006)

- is updated version of Alfred's Basic Adult Piano Course
- includes lesson, theory, sight reading, technic

Palmer/Manus: Alfred's Teach Yourself to Play Piano (Alfred, 2008)

- based on Alfred's Adult Piano Course; adds Study Guides for each page
- accompanying CD of songs; DVD adds visual clarification of concepts

Stevens: Returning to the Piano: a refresher book for adults (Hal Leonard, 2010)

- starts at the beginning, but quickly progresses to early intermediate level
- reviews theory concepts with some written activities

Online resources

There are numerous online sites for the adult piano student and for the teacher of adult piano students. (Google "adult piano student" and you'll get close to 4 million results!!) There are blogs of individual students as well as sites created as an online community.

Adult Music Student Forum

www.amsfperform.org

Provides "resources and encouragement" for the adult musician. Includes articles for adult students and teachers; performance opportunities in the Washington, D.C. area; and numerous links to workshops, camps, publications, and organizations.

Musical Fossils: freeing the adult musical student

<http://musicalfossils.com>

Has articles for the adult piano student and for the teacher of adult piano students. Includes opportunity to join a yahoo group to communicate with others on the site.

Piano World

www.pianoworld.com/forum

Has information and links to anything related to piano as well as numerous forums on piano-related topics. (The "adult beginners forum" has over 320,000 posts on over 15,000 threads. The "piano teachers forum" has over 116,000 posts.)

Meet up groups

www.meetup.com

An online way to find people in your area with a common interest. Numerous adult piano meetup groups all over the world. For example: www.meetup.com/Adult-piano-students-of-North-San-Diego-County

YouTube

www.youtube.com

Numerous teaching videos, many aimed at adults. (Typing "adult piano lessons" in the Search bar resulted in almost 13,400 videos. "Adult piano teaching" resulted in almost 35,000 videos!) Many videos of performances of standard piano repertoire and of teaching repertoire.

University of Iowa Piano Pedagogy Project

www.youtube.com/user/uipianoped

Project aimed at recording more than 9,000 teaching pieces on the Iowa Music Teachers Association Piano repertoire List. Can be used to help students find pieces they like and to help them hear a good recording of pieces they're working on.

Making Music Magazine

<http://makingmusicmag.com>

Offers articles, videos, and links to resources for amateur musicians on any instrument.

ACMP--Chamber Music Network

www.acmp.net

Facilitates informal music making by people of all ages. Includes publications, downloads, online bulletin board, and links to many online resources, including their Music Workshop Guide.

Piano camps for adults

Alpen Kammer Music, Liesing, Austria

Chamber music for the "serious amateur." Includes rehearsals, master classes, lectures, with performances.

www.alpenkammermusik.com

Beyond the Page, Littleton, CO

Workshop to teach classically-trained adult pianists how to improvise.

88pianokeys.me

Brattleboro Music Center, Brattleboro, VT

Offers chamber music for adults, including piano duet workshops.

www.bmcbvt.org/summer

Golandsky Institute Summer Symposium, Princeton, NJ

For students of all ages. Includes lectures, master classes, and technique clinics.

www.golandskyinstitute.org

Hudson River Pianofest, Nyack, NY

For youth through adults of all levels. Includes master classes, workshops, and performances.

www.hudsonriverpianofest.org

Interlochen College of Creative Arts, Interlochen, MI

Offers summer workshops of chamber music, piano duet, and two-piano repertory classes.

www.college.interlochen.org

Jazz Vermont Band Camp for Grownups, Warwick, RI

Pianists participate in various jazz ensembles. Includes improvisation workshops, jam sessions, and public performances.

www.jazzcamp.com

Keyboard Wellness Seminar, Denton, TX

For professionals and advanced students 18 and older. Explores concepts of keyboard wellness and incorporates various disciplines.

www.KeyboardWellnessSeminar.com

Kinhaven Music School Adult Piano Workshop, Weston, VT

Focus is on four-hand piano repertoire, but solo lessons also available.

www.kinhaven.org/sessions/adult_piano.html

Lancaster International Piano Festival, Millersville University, PA

Open to students and teachers of all ages. May register as a participant or observer.

Includes lessons, master classes, workshops, and performances.

www.lancasterpianofest.com

MacPhail Center for Music, Minneapolis, MN

Offers a summer chamber music camp for adults.

www.macphail.org

Midsummer Adult Piano Retreat in the Berkshires, Williamstown, MA

Offers private lessons, lectures, Alexander Technique classes, master classes, performance opportunities.

<http://pianoretreat.wordpress.com>

Midsummer Musical Retreat, Walla Walla, WA

Offers chamber music experiences for pianists, in addition to large ensembles, both instrumental and choral.

www.musicalretreat.org

Pianophoria!, Hunter College, New York City, NY

Piano day camp for adults. Private lessons, lectures, workshops, performances.

www.pianophoria.com

pianoSonoma, Sonoma County, CA

For young artists and adult musicians. Private lessons, chamber music, master classes, community performances.

www.pianosonoma.org

Rocky Ridge Music Center, Estes Park, CO

Adult Piano Seminar offers lessons, master classes, and lecture-recitals by guest artists and resident faculty.

www.rockyridge.org

Sonata, Old Bennington, VT

For adult pianists of all abilities. (Their Sonatina camp is for children and youth.)

Includes group and private lessons, theory, and master classes.

www.sonatina.com

Summer Chamber Music School with the English Camerata, Shrewsbury, England

Chamber music course for keyboard, brass, winds, and strings. Ensemble coaching and private lessons available.

www.englishcamerata.org.uk

Summer Harpsichord Workshops, Ann Arbor, MI

For harpsichordists, pianists, and organists. Offering lessons, classes and lectures.

www.music.umich.edu/special_programs/adult/

SummerKeys, Lubec, ME

Private instruction in piano, strings, woodwinds, and voice. Some sessions also offer chamber ensemble coaching.

www.summerkeys.com

Summer Trios, Bryn Mawr, PA; Chambersburg, PA

Offers chamber music opportunities for piano, strings, and winds, as well as concerto and composer programs for adult amateur musicians.

www.summertrios.org

Summit Music Festival, Purchase, NY

Offers chamber music festival for adults. Includes concerts, lectures, and master classes.

<http://summitmusicfestival.org>

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