

One Hundred Benefits of Learning Piano

Why? Answers:-Motivational factors and the Personal Value of Learning Piano

Personal Benefits

- Change your life for the positive.
- Achieve a lifetime goal or dream by making the decision and taking action.
- Be proudly able to say to one and all 'I am a pianist' | 'I am a musician.'
- Strike a major item off your personal 'Bucket List'
- Be a doer, not an observer.
- Improve self-esteem and confidence
- Sense of accomplishment
- Enhance problem solving skills
- Improve patience and perseverance through practice.
- Escape from daily routine 9-5 grind.
- Play for fun – Family parties, Weddings, Friends, Birthdays, Festive occasions
- Play for hobby, stress relief, personal enjoyment.
- Begin as a hobby, become a teacher, performer, professional, songwriter and/or composer
- Enjoy the therapeutic/healing properties of piano playing and music at any time.
- Learn a new language of the emotions. Become an 'emotion technician'.
- Improve personal growth – Physical, Mental, Emotional and Spiritual aspects all impacted
- Accelerate aesthetic appreciation – Musicals, Theatre, Ballet, Opera, Art and Beauty.
- Sense of self-empowerment and Independence.
- Learn social bonding skills between a performer and their audience.
- Engage in self-expression through a new medium
- Improve self-image and sense of personal refinement.
- Become more attractive as a person on the inside as well as outside.
- Learn the value of sustained effort to achieve excellence.
- Improve self-discipline skills, self-reliance, and sharpened focus
- Improve hand/eye co-ordination
- Enhance personal motor skills
- Develop a new student/teacher relationship and learn value of mentorship
- Take self-responsibility for your progress.
- Redefine yourself
- Learn the value of attention to detail in the nuances of musical expression
- Engage with music on a completely new level – Listen to music as a performer yourself.
- Learn about melody and harmony and how they interact together.
- The Piano – A beautiful looking instrument in itself adding aesthetic value to any room in your home
- The piano 'marries' math and art, percussion and melody, solo and orchestra.
- Learn the first solo stage instrument in modern times, pioneered by F.Liszt.
- Have a new field of expertise.

- Engage in graded exams. Gain internationally recognized formal academic qualifications.

Skill Benefits

- Learn and acquire a new set or 'toolkit' of technical skills.
- Learn to utilise all ten digits of Both Hands independently – finger independence
- Acquire pianistic articulation and dynamic skills, such as Legato | Staccato | Forte | Piano
- Learn musical terms across a variety of languages – Italian, French, German, Russian etc.
- Improve integration of both hemispheres of the brain - using both hands for Multi-tasking purposes: For example - Playing Staccato against Staccato | Forte against Piano | Three notes against two.
- Learn musicianship and Musical theory
- Enhance understanding of rhythm across a variety of time signatures, genres, and styles.
- Learn how the great composers and songwriters think, work, and write music.
- Learn how music 'works' from the inside.
- Train your ear to recognise different pitches and polyphonic patterns of notes.
- Improve your memory retention and capacity.
- Learn to follow sheet music and scores, and to sight-read.
- Integrate the THREE musical senses of a musician – Hearing, Sight, and Touch – Versus the ONE musical sense of the listener/audience – hearing.
- Enhance and expand your creative skills and imagination
- Learn to improvise and 'speak' music as part of a musical group, band, orchestra, or accompanist.
- Improve poise and posture.
- Learn musical notation and what intervals are.
- Learn chords and understand chord name terms such as Triad, 2nd Inversion, Diminished 7th, Suspended 4th, Augmented, Major, and minor.
- Learn scales, broken chords, and arpeggios, and understand their value and common usage.

Social/Cultural Benefits

- Contribute to a better world – Music adds to society – Doesn't take away.
- Become a creative force in the world - The piano is not destructive.
- Enhance your moral code of ethics through engagement with some of the world's greatest music and composers.
- Improve your cultural understanding and knowledge base.
- Deepen your sense of ethnic identity
- Broaden your world horizons and views through social interaction.
- Share the Love
- Become an ambassador for 'World' music – Classical/Popular/Modern/Ethnic/Fusion etc.

Economic Benefits

Become a professional pianist – Get paid doing any of the following -

- Cruise ship pianist
- Cocktail bar pianist
- Hotel foyer or restaurant ‘residency’ pianist.
- Wedding pianist
- Parties, Anniversaries, Funerals, Festive occasions, Exhibitions, Art Gallery openings, etc.
- Piano Bar residency.
- Accompanist for singers – Begin a Two-piece act.
- Accompanist for competitions and exams
- Accompanist for Ballet schools and Dance academies.
- Accompany other musicians – Violinists, Flautists, Guitarists, Cellist, Saxophonist, etc.
- Solo recital pianist. Concert level.
- ‘House’ pianist for theatre musicals.
- Band pianist/keyboard player.
- Teach private piano lessons – part-time or full-time.
- Become a school music teacher
- Become a college lecturer
- Become a freelance peripatetic teacher.
- Write music for the piano – For example, ‘New Age’ , Ambient etc.
- Build and brand your own piano website and social media network
- Sell your own piano CDs/Downloads/Webcasts/Podcasts/Original music.
- Busk
- Play at Religious services – Learn the organ – Accompany the choir.
- Become a composer for :- Movies | Ads | T.V. | Corporate market | Popular Charts etc.
- Join a T.V. resident ‘House’ band as pianist or/and M.D. - aka ‘Saturday Night Live’ etc.
- Become a freelance touring musician for bands –Dep pianist – See the world and get paid.
- Arrange music for other musicians - Sheet music/ Orchestral arrangements and reductions.
- Create and sell superior acoustic piano backing tracks - Especially useful for solo vocalists.
- Play at summer festivals
- Make and record background radio jingles.
- Learn to become a piano tuner/technician
- Open a piano shop
- Write a piano methodology eBook based on your personal experience
- Create a piano course like this one and sell it on Udemy.
- Upload self-made “How To Play” piano videos to social media sites and/or your personal piano website, and make money from third-party advertising.
- Allow affiliates to sell or resell your self-made piano services and products.
- Create a popular piano blog and add a paid subscription option. Submit articles to other sites and specialist publications.

This is not a comprehensive list, but hopefully gives you some idea of the personal value and many benefits to be had from learning the piano.

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