

Slawson & Lee Piano Studio

Summer Piano Programs 2009

The results from the past four years of our specialized summer programs have been fantastic! We have discovered that piano students reach a higher level of mastery much more rapidly when they participate in teacher-guided practice sessions.

The analogy is like that of a school sport in which the athlete's activities are led by a coach on a daily basis. Better quality practice also leads to a higher level of enjoyment.

As the music becomes more challenging, the benefits of playing piano also become more substantial. These benefits serve as useful models for other areas of life.

We have identified the following offerings as the most effective and the most popular. Last year, almost 35 students participated in the "Piano Practice Intensive," our most powerful program.

Depending on the selection, the following programs can happen in conjunction with or as replacements for weekly summer lessons. Students can also continue their weekly lessons throughout the summer.

THE PROGRAMS

Unless noted, the Programs are priced at the current rate for lessons

Twice Weekly

Try private lessons twice per week for students with two to four years of piano lessons. Meeting more than once per week reinforces better practice habits.

Buddy System

This weekly two-hour session is a wonderful way to get guided practice and share your experiences with a fellow student, friend or family member. If you are interested but do not have a partner, we will connect you with someone. This is our most popular summer program, so we always have a list of willing participants who are looking for a partner.

Extended Summer Lessons

Summer can be the most fruitful time for piano as the requirements of school are on break. Take advantage of extended lessons while there is more time to practice.

Online Lessons

Greg and Candice offer lessons over the computer. Some people go away to summer camps that have performing opportunities and pianos available to them. Web camera technology allows us to give lessons to students in remote locations that have an Internet connection.

Special Projects

In addition to the regular piano lesson, private lessons of 30 or 45 minutes each week are available for the following areas of study:

- theory
- jazz improvisation
- composition and songwriting

THE CLASSES

All Classes are \$175

Recording intensive *NEW*

If you're excited to learn how to use some great audio software technology, our third floor studio is loaded with state of the art recording software and virtual instrument technology. By taking this class, you will be able to create your very own CD while learning how to use professional audio software like Cubase, Izotope Ozone and Native Instruments!

Jazz Improv Intensive

Designed for jazz students, these five days of one hour sessions will rapidly establish the "Jazz Routine" (our innovative method for practicing jazz piano). This format is the most effective way to improve a jazz student's process. Try it and see for yourself.

Piano Practice Intensive

This one-week class is for all intermediate and advanced piano students, these five days of one hour sessions will rapidly establish a high level practice process. This format is the most rapid and effective way to improve a student's process.

Theory Blitz for Individuals

Do you play by ear and want to know more about sight-reading? Do you read well but want to know how to play by ear? This class teaches how to hear and write out rhythms correctly. One can also learn about notation basics and harmony in Western music. Even if you wish to recognize melodies and write them out or play them, this is your class!

Piano History

Learn about the major periods of piano history: Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Impressionism and Twentieth Century . A daily 30 minute lecture will be followed by 1 hour of listening to some of the greatest piano works in history. At the end of the class you get your own CD mix of your favorites!

Jazz History

This course outlines jazz history in five sessions. Listen to some of the great performances of the twentieth century following a daily lecture about the fascinating history of jazz. At the end of the class you get your own CD mix of your favorites!

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