

Keyboard Lessons -- Ryan Sheeler
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Scheduling and Rates: Call or email for times. \$15 per half hour lessons (or \$30 for full hour)

Required Materials

- Basic Keyboard Chords by Tina Tomlins (Santorella Publishing – ISBN# 1890821123)
- Alfred Method – Complete Book of Scales, Chords, Arpeggios and Cadences (ISBN# 0739003682)

Recommended Materials:

- Folder for handouts
- Metronome for practicing
- CL Hanon: The Virtuoso Pianist in 60 Exercises

Attendance Policies

- I charge for **ALL ABSENCES**: except for weather, family emergencies or death.
 - NO makeups will be offered unless first cleared with instructor
- New Students are required to commit to **FOUR (4)** consecutive lessons to start.
- There will be a **\$60 fee** for holding a slot open e.g. in case of extended summer vacations
- In the event you decide to quit lessons in the middle of a month, you still owe tuition payments through the end of that month.

I expect you to be present at every lesson unless there is an extenuating circumstance. My time is valuable to me and your lesson time should be valuable to you.

Practice Expectations

The student is urged to practice EVERY day whenever possible – somewhere in the range of 20-30 minutes to start with. With regular practice comes regular progress. If you commit to this early on, you are establishing good discipline which will serve you well for years to come. Also consider purchasing your own metronome – it will help you tremendously! ☺

Overview:

We will cover basic piano technique with basic scale, tetrachord and arpeggio fingerings. We also discuss music fundamental of rhythm, melody, meter, etc. Much of our time will then be spent from then on covering chord theory (major/minor, 7ths, 9ths, altered chords, suspensions, substitutions, added-tone chords, etc). We will also cover accompaniment styles in pop, rock, blues, jazz, country and Gospel styles. I will endeavor to expose the student to a wide range of styles from JS Bach to Ray Charles, Floyd Cramer, Billy Joel, Duke Ellington and more.