



Piano

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Introduction

As you can tell from the title, my passion is piano, so in this presentation, I will tell you



- Why I choose piano,
- The history of piano,
- How to play piano,
- How I pursue piano,
- Some fun facts about it,

and much more.



How I Discovered My Passion

My parents love classical music. When I was 6 my parents asked me if I wanted to take piano lessons and I said yes. Ever since, I have loved the piano because it has a beautiful sound and it is the only instrument that you can play more than one note at a time. It's my passion.



History

The person who invented piano is Bartolomeo Cristofori (1655-1731) of Italy. He was unsatisfied by the lack of control that musicians had over the volume of the harpsichord (an old fashioned instrument played using a keyboard). He is credited for switching out the plucking mechanism with a hammer to create the modern piano in the year 1700.



How the Piano Got Its Name

The original name for the modern piano today was "clavicembalo col piano e forte" (piano means soft and forte means loud in Italian). Pianoforte is now piano.



Types of Pianos

3 different types of pianos:
spinet pianos, which are the smallest pianos at 36" - 39" feet tall.
Console pianos, which are usually 40" - 44" feet tall, and used at homes a lot. Lastly, Grand Pianos, which are under 5 feet, are used at concerts most of the time. These have the best acoustics out of the pianos.



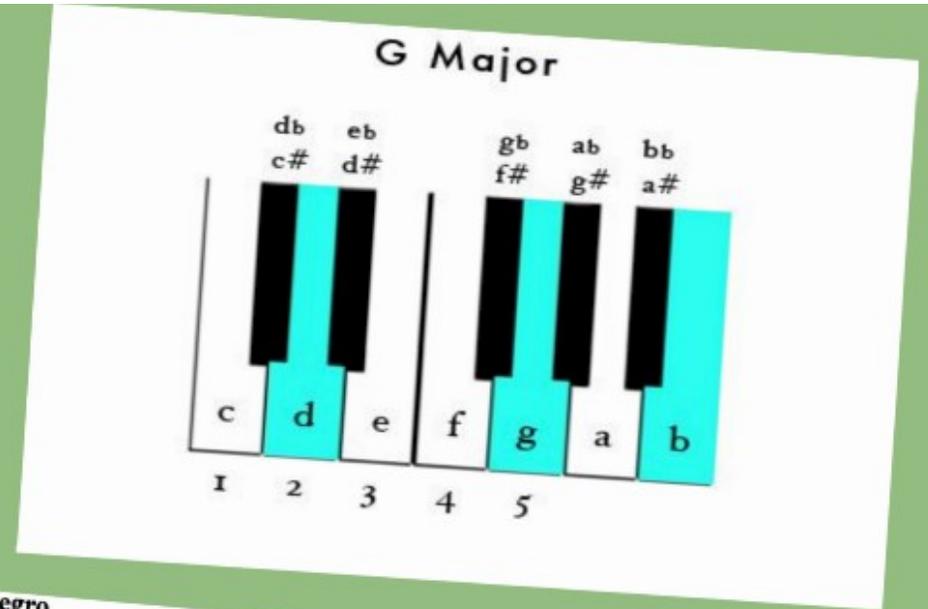
How to Play a Piano

A piano works by pressing a key on it that causes a small hammer inside the piano to hit a string/strings. Each key is connected with its own hammer. When the hammer hits the string, it vibrates and makes a specific sound. These sounds are the different notes a piano can play.



The Piano Notes

When you play the piano, the sound it makes can be written down with musical symbols called notes. Some notes sound *high* and some notes sound *low*. Notes have letter names. The music alphabet only uses 7 letters: A,B,C,D,E,F, and G. These letters make up the language of the piano.



Famous Piano Players

- **Ludwig Van Beethoven:** He was born December 1770, Bonn, Germany. He died March 26, 1827, Vienna, Austria. He was a famous German composer.
- **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart:** He was born January 27, Salzburg Austria. He died December 5, 1791, Vienna, Austria.
- **Johann Sebastian Bach:** He was born March 31, 1685, Eisenach, Germany. He died July 28, 1750, Leipzig, Germany



A Lesser Known Piano Player...



How I Pursue Piano: Certificate of Merit

Certificate of Merit(CM) is a state test where I have to memorize a piano piece and play it from memory, take a written quiz about music, and listen to music and identify notes.

I have aced 3 CM tests/levels since 2017. I skipped the preparatory level as it was a really easy for me and I want to go all the way to level 10.



Playing in Concerts and Recitals

In my years of piano I have done 3 concerts and 3 recitals at piano school. Some of the pieces I have played include

- Beethoven's Fur Elise
- Gavotte
- Show Boat
- The Spanish Guitar
- Arabian Dance
- Sonatina in C Major
- Old German Dance

I plan to continue performing piano.



Pursuing My Passion

- Piano lessons
- Listening to piano music and understanding notes
- Trying to write music
- Playing trumpet to have more practice reading music notes
- Piano takes patience and time. You have to practice, practice, practice. I love the beautiful music it produces and I plan to keep pursuing my passion.

Fun Facts About the Piano and About Me

- The piano has over 12,000 parts, 10,000 of which are moving
- Most piano keys are made of plastic
- The largest piano ever weighed 1.4 tons and took 4 years to build
- Steinways is the most expensive piano in the world and it takes about a year to make 1 piano!
- I can play Beethoven's Fur Elise

[http://www.thetuningnote.com/nina/audio/Fur%20 Elise%20\(at%20lesson\).mp3](http://www.thetuningnote.com/nina/audio/Fur%20Elise%20(at%20lesson).mp3)

Piano is my forte.

Thanks for listening.

I hope I'll be Bach someday.

