

Slawson & Lee Piano Studio

Summer Piano Programs
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The results from the past two 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 usually 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.

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. Listed below are our new and improved programs and classes.

Most of these programs are for individuals
Programs and Classes for groups have a (G) beside the name

THE PROGRAMS

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.

\$22.50 per 30-minute lesson
one month is recommended

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.

\$45 per student per week
4-6 weeks is recommended
Intermediate and Advanced students

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.

\$33.75 for 45 minutes
\$45 for 60 minutes

Group Theory (G) NEW

Here is our first group theory class for intermediate students (ages 11 to 15). We will cover topics such as harmony, rhythm and ear training. All of these concepts will contribute to an easier and more interesting process for learning music. We also think participants will find it enjoyable to learn theory with their peers.

\$30 for each 45-minute session (3 sessions)
dates will be announced when we know who will participate

Theory Olympics (G) NEW

Designed especially for our young students (ages 7 to 11), here is a way to have fun while learning the basics of reading music - note recognition, rhythm and basic theory terms. Games and friendly team competition will get each participant excited about learning these concepts with their peers.

\$30 for each 45-minute session (dates to be announced)

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.

\$33.75 per 45-minute lesson (recommended)

requirements:

**laptop with web camera
reliable Internet connection
Skype or AIM account for Mac**

"Beyond Piano" Inspired Goals Program NEW

Based on the concepts from our "Inspired Practice Workshops," this exciting new opportunity is a goal planning course for individuals. Learn how to set and follow through with goals for piano, schoolwork, scheduling or any other area of your life that can use improvement. The course of action can be implemented for the summer or for the upcoming school year. Teacher follow up will occur using our online practice journal, PracticeTracker.com. We look forward to sharing valuable techniques that can help anyone achieve their goals with ease.

\$75 for 3 45-minute sessions

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

\$22.50 per lesson (30 minutes)

\$33.75 per lesson (45 minutes)

THE CLASSES

“Activate Your Technique” (G) NEW

Master piano teacher Anita Pontremoli is excited to offer this opportunity to advanced students of Slawson & Lee Piano Studio. This three day class will offer exercises, tips and techniques that will transform your playing. Your fingers will be stronger and have more control. Your range of expression will grow and your sound will improve! Anita Pontremoli is the current Head of the Collaborative Department at the Cleveland Institute of Music.

3 days (dates to be announced)

\$150

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!

5 days

\$150

Jazz Improv Intensive NEW

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.

5 days

\$150

Piano Practice Intensive NEW

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.

5 days

\$150

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!

5 days

\$150

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!

5 days

\$150