



# PATHWAY *to* MASTERY

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## WELCOME GUIDE



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## Welcome to the Program

Thank you for choosing Pathway to Mastery. Whether you're returning to the piano, just beginning, or continuing after years of self-study you're in the right place. This program was created to provide expert guidance, consistent progress, and the freedom to learn in a way that fits your life.

### **1. What to Expect: Your Piano Journey**

#### **Step 1: Initial Zoom Evaluation**

- Get to know you and your musical background
- Evaluate your current playing (if applicable)
- Discuss your goals, preferences, and musical interests
- Walk through how to set up your device for recordings
- Cover basic recording tips and expectations

#### **Step 2: First Assignment & Instructional Videos**

- Your first assignment and practice goals
- Custom practice videos recorded just for you
- Links to supporting technique, rhythm, and theory videos

#### **Step 3: Weekly Routine**

You may submit up to three videos per week. These can include:

- Technique (scales, warm-ups, finger exercises)
- Repertoire (hands separate or together, polished or in progress)
- Any specific challenges or questions

You'll receive personalized feedback videos you can replay anytime you practice helping you stay focused, correct technique, and make consistent progress.

## 2. How to Record

### Setup

- Use a phone or tablet on a tripod (or a stable surface)
- Make sure the camera shows both hands and upper body at the piano
- Choose a quiet space with good lighting

### Content

- Record your warm-ups, scales, and repertoire
- Speak briefly if you'd like help with something specific
- No need to be perfect?this is part of your process!

## 3. What You'll Receive

- Up to 3 feedback videos per week
- Clear, supportive guidance and next steps
- Access to a growing video library (technique, theory, rhythm)
- Optional monthly masterclasses via Zoom
- Private Zoom evaluations every 3 months to check in and plan next steps

## 4. Materials & Books

We'll discuss materials during your initial Zoom call. Required books and resources vary based on your level and goals. I'll help you choose what fits best.

## 5. Monthly Zoom Masterclasses (Optional)

These 1-hour sessions dive deeper into topics like:

- Overcoming performance anxiety
- Music history and composer highlights
- Performance preparation
- Practice strategies that actually work

Live attendance is encouraged, but recordings are also available.

## **6. Staying Inspired**

You're not just learning how to play songs you are becoming a musician.

We celebrate the small wins, the breakthroughs, and the messy middle.

This is a personal journey, and I am here to support it every step of the way.

## **7. Frequently Asked Questions**

Q: What if I miss a week?

A: No worries! Submit when you are ready. The program is built around flexibility.

Q: Can I choose my own music?

A: Yes! We blend structure with freedom. You are encouraged to request pieces you love.

Q: What if I have technical issues?

A: I'll help troubleshoot during our Zoom and support you as needed.

Q: How do I submit my videos?

A: You'll receive simple instructions after your Zoom call on how to record and securely send your videos.

## **Let's Get Started**

Book your Zoom call or send your first video to begin.

I am honored to be part of your musical journey.

Warmly,

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