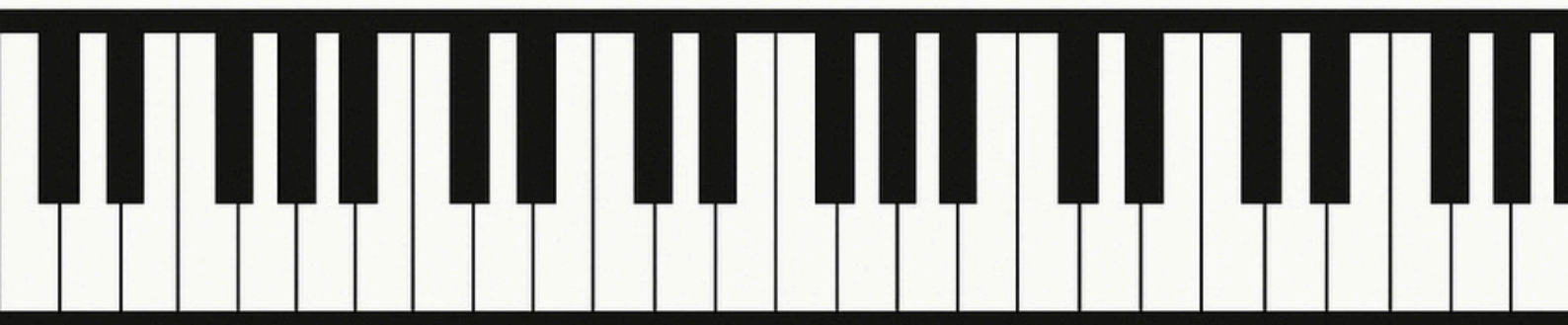




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WELCOME GUIDE



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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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