

Piano Records

- 1) Most notes played backwards on a piano.

The most notes played backwards on a piano is 702, and was achieved by Davide Locatelli (Italy), on the set of *Lo Show Dei Record*, in Milan, Italy, on 29 February 2024.

- 2) Most musicians to play the same piano in relay.

The most musicians to play the same piano was 103 in an event organized by Kuniko Teramura (Japan) and friends, at the Shiga University Auditorium, in Hikone, Shiga, Japan, on 22 April 2012. The participants played during 20 minutes Beethoven's 'Ode to joy'. Participants were rotating during the attempt so all could play.

- 3) Most piano key hits in 30 seconds

The most piano key hits in 30 seconds is 495 and was achieved by Keita Hattori (Japan) in Musashino, Tokyo, Japan, on 11 December 2023.

- 4) Longest marathon playing keyboard / piano by an individual.

The longest marathon playing keyboard / piano by an individual is 130 hours and was achieved by Thurzó Zoltán (Romania) in Oradea, Romania, from 19 to 25 September 2022.

Thurzó grew up in a three generation musical family, which is one of the reasons why he was motivated to break this record. He has previously achieved the Guinness World Records title for highest altitude grand piano performance.

- 5) Most musicians to play the same piano simultaneously.

The most musicians to play the same piano simultaneously is 25, achieved by Stavros V. Kyriakides, Kyriakides Piano Gallery and Avantgarde Cultural Foundation (all Cyprus) in Nicosia, Cyprus, on 5 July 2023.

- 6) Fastest piano stair climb

In a time of 1 min 6.35 sec, José Angel Aria Villanueva (Spain) climbed a staircase (15 steps each 35 cm (13.77 in) high spanning a total length of 2.5 m (8.2 ft)) carrying a piano stool and then returning to pick up a 175 kg (385 lb)piano before sitting down to play at it for three minutes on the set of *El Show de los Réecords* , Madrid, Spain on 5 December 2001.

- 7) Shortest professional pianist.

The shortest professional pianist was Michel Petrucciani (France, 1962-99), who stood 91-cm (2-ft 11.8-in) tall. Despite hundreds of bone fractures caused by osteogenesis imperfecta, Petrucciani became a much-sought-after performer and refused to let his condition limit his ambitions. He counted the prestigious French Prix Django Reinhardt among his awards.

Petrucciani, whose father was a jazz violinist, was inspired to play the piano at the age of four after seeing Duke Ellington perform on TV. He studied classical piano before concentrating on jazz repertoire, making his public debut as a pianist at the Clousclat Festival at the age of 13; within two years, he was playing with the renowned US drummer and vibraphonist Kenny Clarke, and went on to gig with the likes of Dizzy Gillespie, Jim Hall, Wayne Shorter, Eddie Gomez and Steve Gadd. He eventually released a solo album in honour of his hero Ellington entitled *Promenade With Duke*. Despite his condition, and increasing immobility, Petrucciani worked tirelessly as an artist, performing 140 concerts in the year before his death. He ended his career confined to a wheelchair. He died at the age 36 from a pulmonary infection on 6 January 1999 in Manhattan, New York, USA.

8) Longest Pandulum.

The world's longest pendula were two lengths of number 24 steel piano wire, each 1,353.3 m (4,440 ft) long. They were suspended down the number 4 shaft of the Tamarack Mines, near Calumet, Michigan, USA, in September 1901. The experiment was performed by Professor Fred W. McNair (USA) and colleagues from the Michigan College of Mines, Michigan, USA. Contrary to expectations, the pendula were further apart at the bottom of the mine than at the top. The results were published in the journal *Science* on 20 June 1902.

9) Fewest notes in a classical music composition.

The piece "4'33" (1952) by John Cage has no notes at all but is 4 mins and 33 secs of silence 'for any instrument'!

10) Most consecutive months to release an original digital single by a music act.

The most consecutive months to release an original digital single by a music act is 60, and was achieved by H Zettrio (Japan) in Minato, Tokyo, Japan, on 1 December 2023.

H Zettrio is a piano trio band and has been releasing original digital singles monthly from January 2019 to December 2023 consecutively.

11) Longest Rap Marathon.

The longest rap marathon (individual) is 48 hr 1 min 10 sec and was achieved by PONEY (Japan), in Koto, Tokyo, Japan from 22-24 April 2023.

PONEY is a Japanese rapper who frequently uses the phrase 'nice panic' in his rap and conversation. This was PONEY's third attempt to break this record. He first began this

challenge to encourage the people of his hometown, Yamanashi, during the pandemic. The first time, he had a technical difficulty and failed the attempt. The second time, he broke the record, but while he was preparing his evidence to be submitted, someone else surpassed his record. He decided to do 48 hours for the third attempt to repay his debt of gratitude to those who have supported him, including his wife, in the first two attempts.

Categories on Piano

- 1) Youngest Piano technician.

NO record holder on this title.

- 2) Greatest distance pulling a piano in 8 hours.

No record holder on this title.

- 3) Largest collection of mortal kombat memorabilia.

No record holder on this title.

- 4) Largest Piano table app ensemble.

No record on this title.

Categories only Institutes are eligible others not allowed

- 1) Fastest piano stair climb.

- 2) Farthest throw of a piano.

No record holder in this title.

- 3) Most notes played backwards on a piano.