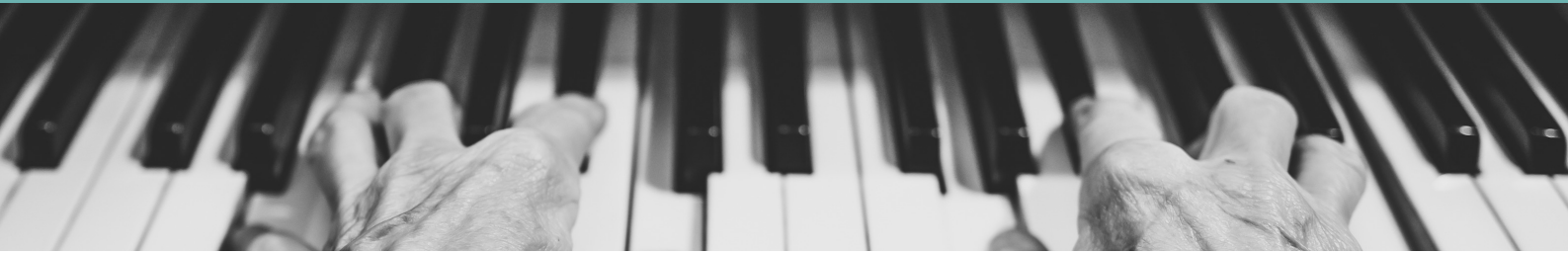


GROUP PIANO

What you REALLY want to know!



What IS group Piano?

Quoted from Marie Lee as posted on LeilaViss' blog 88pianokeys.me:

****It's social, and it's loud -** This dynamic learning environment provides students with the opportunity to develop their keyboard skills among peers who support and encourage one another. The group has the potential to generate a spirit of enthusiasm and motivation toward the subject matter in a way that the instructor could never achieve alone. Students learn to listen to each other while playing, developing a better sense of rhythm and tempo. This ensemble playing in every class refines their ability to accompany others or play in a band. They also shout out in friendly competition through games and incentive programs. They're having fun!

****It's prime learning and discovery -** When certain requisite conditions are in place, the group environment has the potential to produce learning opportunities that are superior to what could be achieved in an individual, one-on-one format. Groups foster prime conditions for problem solving. Multiple ideas from several students generate many possible ways of exploring a concept and discovering how to apply it.

****It builds performing skills and confidence -** Because students play in front of others from the very first class. It's completely comfortable for them to play for a group of people because that's what they do every week. Performing regularly for peers in a non-threatening environment is a normal procedure of group piano, so students often experience less performance anxiety and demonstrate a greater sense of confidence and poise while playing in public. It's also comfortable. Students are more relaxed because the spotlight isn't directly on them.

****It builds community -** Students feel a connection and loyalty to their "piano team." They love making music with their friends!